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Deal with Sharon reported near

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and MK Ariel Sharon were due to meet late last night to discuss the thorny issues impeding the creation of a national infrastructure portfolio for Sharon. Sources close to Netanyahu said a deal had been struck and the affair was nearing a successful conclusion.

On Sharon's side, however, there was silence. Likewise, no word came from any of the ministers who would be asked to yield chunks of their

portfolios to the new ministry. Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, entrusted by Netanyahu with working out the details of the deal, spent the day going back and forth between Netanyahu's bureau and

Sharon's office. Prior to last night Netanyahu and Sharon had not met in person to discuss the new ministry. Sharon spent most of the day closeted in his Knesset office, leaving only for votes in which he had to take part. The fact he secured a seat on the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee is seen as a broad hint to Netanyahu that he has other alternatives; that if not coopted to the government, he could embark on intensive Knesset activity precisely where he could prove the greatest headache to Netanyahu.

According to several Likud sources, Sharon has been offered various alternatives about what his new ministry would encompass. He reviewed these offers, sent his answers to Ne'eman, and received replies, all of which kept Ne'eman on the move all

Unconfirmed reports speak of an agreement under which the new ministry would get control of: the military industries from the Defense Ministry; the Public Works Department and the Rural Development Division from the Construction and Housing Ministry, authority for electricity and the Electric Corporation from the Energy Ministry; responsibility for all rail traffic, highway planning, and road construction from the Transport Ministry; long-term planning of water supplies from the Agriculture Ministry; and the Israel Lands Administration from the Prime Minister's

It was not clear last night whether the offers to Sharon came after Ne'eman had talked the reluctant ministers involved into making concessions, or whether it is intended to twist

their arms later. The plan last night was for Netanyabu to put the result of yesterday's negotiations to Sharon as an official offer for him to join the government. He would also be offered membership in the defense cabinet, which would be expanded to admit both Sharon and Science Minister Ze'ev Begin.





Fireworks light up the sky over Jerusalem's Old City last night as part of a gala inauguration of the Old City's new lighting system sponsored by France's Keren Or association.

Tichon new Knesset Speaker

MK Dan Tichon yesterday became the new Knesset Speaker after a tense vote in the Likud faction which he won, 13 to 11, followed by a vote in the plenum in which

he received the support of 60 MKs. MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party), who was the only candidate to run against him from another party, received eight votes.

Later, in a short ceremony, out-

going Speaker Shevah Weiss handed Tichon the (Labor) Speaker's gavel and raised a toast in Tichon's new office. In his acceptance speech, Tichon said he "very excited. I have come a long way since I was a boy in Kiryat Haim [near Haifa]." Tichon, 59, praised his predecessors in the Speaker's chair. He is a former deputy speaker and has been an MK since 1981, specializing in financial issues. "From this moment, I see myself as the Speaker of the whole House and all its factions. I see it as a duty in this position, with your help, to preserve the standing of the Knesset as the bastion of democracv. We stand at the gateway to a fateful period for the Israeli people, and important and fateful decisions will be taken in this House. We must all do our best to preserve the level of civil discourse," he

and the people closer together, make the Knesset House Rules applicable to the 1990s; and encourage greater participation of MKs in the plenum and in the committees," Tichon told

Four deputy speakers were also chosen yesterday: Naomi Chazan (Meretz), Weiss (Labor), Haim Dayan (Likud) and Meir Sheetrit

(Likud). The voting in the Likud faction room in the morning was often tense, reflecting the fierce compeution for the few positions open to Likud MKs. As a result of coalition bargaining, the Likud is chairing only two committees - Foreign Affairs and Defense, and Immigration and Absorption - and holds a minority number of seats in several committees.

MK Naomi Blumenthal, one of the four candidates for the Speaker's post, rescinded her candidacy at the last moment, saying she preferred not to compete for the position and risk causing more divisions and infighting in the party. She was being promoted largely to counterbalance the lack of women MKs in the House. She said she was saddened to see that Israel was not yet ready to advance women to top positions.

beyond politics there is also such a thing as friendship and [being true appointed chairwoman of the to] one's word." Gesher members of the faction Knesset Absorption Immigration Committee. She came out of the morning's session

did not participate in the meeting. According to MK Michael Kleiner, Gesher decided it did not have the right to vote for the position of Speaker or faction head once it had been decided the positions would be held be an MK from the Likud component of the joint faction. Tsomet MKs did participate. Netanyahu did not turn up for the vote.

MK Michael Eitan was chosen as Likud and coalition faction

Christopher to push PA-Israel dialogue

VISITING US Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to tell Israelis and Arabs to stop their recent verbal dueling and begin to negotiate further, with a special emphasis on Palestinian economic

issues, US officials say. Christopher will today hold his first meeting with Binyamin Netanyahu since the latter was elected prime minister. The secretary of state will meet with Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat in Cairo tomorrow, and will also meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to discuss the outcome of the Arab sum-

There are immediate questions to which US officials say they expect Christopher will seek answers from Netanyahu, including ideas for serious dialogue with the Palestinians and whether the IDF will redeploy in Hebron. Netanyahu has been holding consultations with ministers and military officials on different aspects of the Hebron issue.

A key issue, US officials say, is alleviating Palestinian economic duress which has been exacerbated by the current extended clo-

"Looking at the Palestinian economic situation is a high priority" for Christopher, a US official said. According to World Bank officials, Palestinian GDP per capita dropped 8% last year, and is cur-

tional 20% this year. While the closure has been eased somewhat since the elections, with 22,000 Palestinians currently permitted to work in Israel, this is far fewer than the estimated 75,000 who were crossing the Green Line before the February-March suicide bombings. US officials would like to find ways to allow more Palestinian goods in and out of Gaza. They also note that due to security reasons, Palestinian shippers must use more costly Israeli

trucks. Christopher may raise the possibility of restarting stalled plans to build joint Palestinian-Israeli industrial zones.

Meanwhile, on the issue of Syria, the picture looks bleak. Christopher is expected to brief Netanyahu on secret aspects of the US-brokered talks that the Labor government held with the Syrians.

Netanyahu has said he will not relinquish Israeli sovereignty on the Golan, and Foreign Minister David Levy essentially retracted his statement of last week which suggested that Israel could engage in territorial compromise. Speaking yesterday, Levy did not repeat his statement that the two countries should meet "in the middle," but rather said the two sides should just sit and negotiate. Netanyahu's office disassociated itself from Levy's earlier statement.

Nonetheless, Blumenthal was prime minister remembers that Bank of Israel raises rate 1.5%

THE Bank of Israel yesterday stunned the business community when it announced it is raising its short-term lending rate by 1.5 percent, more than twice the increase analysts had expected.

The new short-term rate, 17 percent, returns the central bank's basic price of credit to its level of a year-and-a-half ago, and will result in a similar increase of the commercial banks' prime rates effective Friday (Story, Page 8).

Citing, among other factors, last month's 1.7% increase in the consumer price index, which pushed inflation to an annual rate of 15%, the central bank said it was compelled "to return inflation to a pace which would be consistent with the government's stated

The previous government set its inflation goal for this year at 8%-10%, slightly higher than last year's 26-year-low of 8.1%.

Besides the accelerated pace of inflation, the Bank of Israel also cited the NIS 3 billion budgetary over-expenditure so far this year, an excess which leaves the bank Jerusalem Post Staff

no option but to tighten the money supply and thus push the government to meet the deficit limits to which it is bound by law. The currency markets respond-

ed to the move with increased demands for the shekel, which becomes more attractive when interest rates rise. The dollar lost nearly 1.1% of its value in vesterday's trading in Tel Aviv, settling at 3.23 shekels to the dollar. Against the Deutschemark the shekel appreciated an even higher 1.5%, trading at NIS 2.103 to one mark. Against the Bank of Israel's basket of leading currencies, the shekel settled at 3.608, a 1.2% appreciation compared to the previous trading day.

Business executives were astonished by the steep rate hike. Manufacturers Association

president Dan Propper said the central bank's move harms the commercial sector, further aggravates the current-account deficit, and will ultimately result in a recession. Propper called on the

government to slash its budget deeply and lay off civil servants.

Chambers of Commerce
Association President Danny Gillerman called the rate hike "hysterical" and said it "reflected [Bank of Israel] Governor Jacob Frenkel's lack of confidence in the new government."

happier than MK Eliahu Ben-

Elissar who was believed to have a

good chance, but lost in the first

round of voting and did not even

get a post on the Foreign Affairs

and Defense Committee. In the

first round, Shaul Amor led 11

votes to Tichon's eight and Ben-

Elissar's five, but when the two

main contenders faced off in the final round of voting, all those

when he left the meeting after the

results were announced. He said

he had been let down twice by

tion and once when he promised

him the Speaker's chair. His wife

Susie said he had been the victim

of political maneuvering and some

colleagues who came to offer sup-

Amor said: "I'm used to disap-

who had supported Ben-Elis transferred their support to Tichon. Amor was visibly upset

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat said the move was intended to allow the central bank to refrain from raising its rates in upcoming months, when a series of expected low CPI increases will not allow rate

Responding to his critics, Frenkel said: "I did not exaggerate; the rates are relatively low, when measured in real terms." Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu met yesterday with both Frenkel and Finance Minister Dan Meridor for continued discussions on imminent economic moves. Aides to the prime minister said Netanyahu, in the conversations, stressed the need to reduce inflation and improve the country's balance of payments.

Fasten your seat belts

AS the dust settles following the new government's version of musical chairs, and with each of its cabinet seats - except Ariel Sharon's - finally occupied, the new ministers yesterday got a harsh reminder of one the most immediate tasks at hand; cleaning up the macro-economic mess. bequeathed to them by their predecessors.

Evidently, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is determined to prod Finance Minister Dan Meridor into executing the budget cuts that Avraham Shohat would not sanction. Frenkel is

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likely backed in this attempt by Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu.

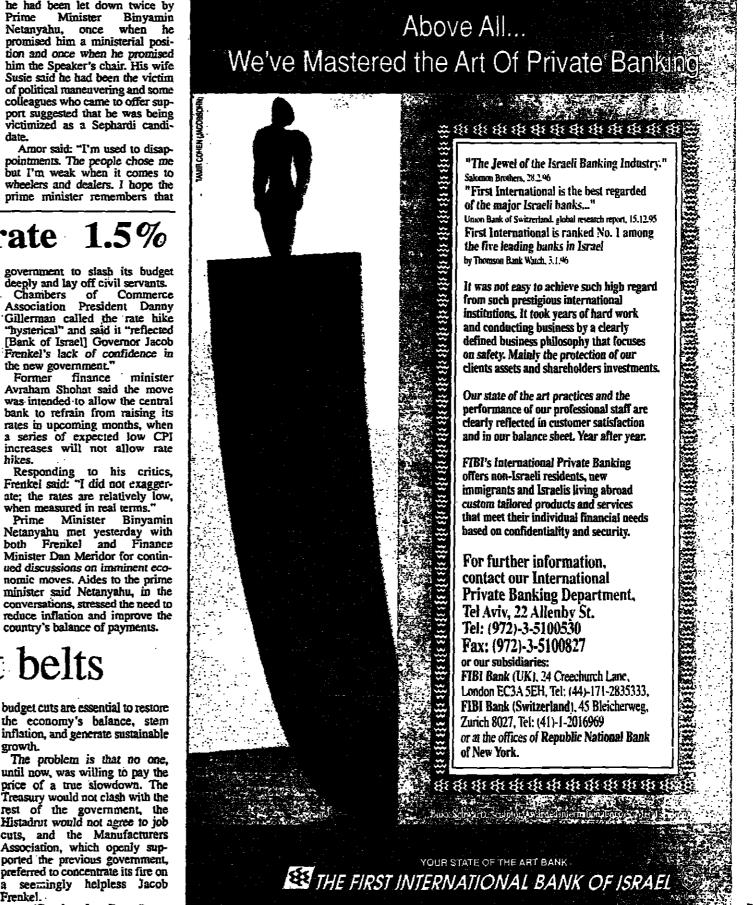
But monetary restraint in itself will never be enough to stem inflation or compensate for the yawning fiscal, trade, and currentaccount deficits accrued by the Labor government.

Practically all the protagonists of our macro-economic melodrama - the central bank, the Treasury, the industrialists, even the Histadrut - agree that deep

budget cuts are essential to restore the economy's balance, stem inflation, and generate sustainable growth.

The problem is that no one, until now, was willing to pay the price of a true slowdown. The Treasury would not clash with the rest of the government, the Histadrut would not agree to job cuts, and the Manufacturers Association, which openly supported the previous government, preferred to concentrate its fire on a seemingly helpless Jacob

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To Secretary of State Warren Christopher Shalom and Welcome to Israel

As Secretary of State you have continued to foster the long standing friendship between the United States and Israel, for which we are forever grateful.

The bond between the two nations is unique. It is a close relationship based on similar interests, but most importantly on a commonality of values. Paramount among those values are the democratic tenets upon which our systems of government are founded. The will of the people is what matters to us both, what we respect.

When the people of Israel chose Benjamin Netanyahu they willed a change in national policy, they chose a different road to achieving the peace that everyone, without exception, desires.

When the people spoke they said:

1. Yasser Arafat has not lived up to the agreements he signed. He cannot be viewed as a strategic partner in peace. He has not seriously fought Palestinian terror, has not extradited known murderers, has not ceased his bellicose diatribes against Israel and the Jewish People, and for the "liberation" of Jerusalem. In the two and a half years since the Oslo I Agreement was signed the number Israelis killed at the hands of Palestinian terrorists has more than doubled.

The people said, "Enough of a process that leads not to peace, but to death and desruction."

2. Jerusalem is not negotiable. In 1948 Israel agreed once to a divided Jerusalem and it did not bring peace. It has been the eternal capital of the Jewish People for 3000 years. No nation would willfully tear apart the locus of its physical and spiritual life and neither must Israel. The Orient House and the other illegal satellites of the Palestinian Authority must be shut down and moved out of the capital.

The people said that, "no part of Jerusalem is on the table".

3. The Golan Heights must remain in Israel's hands. It is the "eyes" of the country and the source of 35% of Israel's water. With dictators such as Hafez el Assad only a functional peace of deterrence can be reached; negotiated formal deals with tyrants are meaningless.

The people said, "Peace with the Golan and because of the Golan."

4. Jewish settlements in Yesha are not an obstacle to peace. Jewish settlements are not obstacles to peace any more than Arab settlements are. On the contrary, they are "bridges to peace". The notion that peace can be achieved by uprooting Jews from their homes is unacceptable, is immoral. It is an extension of the long standing Arab myth that Israel is the cause of regional instability and only her destruction will bring peace. To sever our ties to Yesha, to negate our right to live there under Jewish sovereignty is to destroy the underpinnings of Zionism and our very right to Israel.

The people said that, "the state cannot be reduced to 9 miles wide", and that, "the Jewish communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza must flourish".

5. Hebron. Beginning with the origins of Judaism embodied in Abraham's message of One G-d, an unbroken chain of our earliest development as a people can be traced to Hebron. Second only to Jerusalem in her holiness, Hebron had a Jewish community which thrived continuously for over 3,000 years. The community was destroyed in 1929 in an Arab pogrom. The rebirth of Hebron's Jewish community is historically and morally just. Nothing should be done to compromise her security or ability to thrive and grow.

The people said, "There cannot be a promising future without respect for the past."

We are confident, Mr. Christopher, that American foreign policy will respect the will of the People of Israel. We were encouraged by your remarks on CBS's Face the Nation (June 2, 1996) when you said: "I think we'll have to adapt our policy to the current situation....circumstances do change and we"ll move into dealing with this new Israeli administration wanting to have a good arrangement with them, wanting to have the same kind of close arrangement, close discussions, one of trust and confidence, that we had with the prior administration."

It is our hope and prayer that American policy will indeed adapt itself to the changed circumstances in Israel, maintain a relationship of trust and confidence with Mr. Netanyahu and his cabinet, and respect the will of the Israeli People.

Respectfully yours,

Yesha Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

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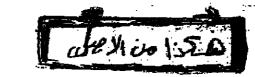
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'halfway' comments

FORIEGN Minister David Levy yesterday appeared to shy away from recent comments expressing willingness to compromise on the Golan Heights in exchange for a peace treaty with Syria. He said his comments about the two sides meeting "halfway" had been misunderstood.

"If peace serves the interests of the two sides, we meet in the middle, which is to say that will we sit and talk," he explained on Israel

Levy had made the controversial statements in interviews on both television stations Friday night. "I believe that if peace serves both sides and they regard it as a primary interest, they will talk YOCH! DREAZEN and Itim

and meet halfway," Levy said in an interview on Channel 2. Asked about the possibility of a Golan compromise, he said: "At a cerrain stage, and only if we achieve

Levy's comments had been condemned by the Golan Residents Committee, as well as by other members of the cabinet.

The government has stated that the Golan Heights is vital to our interests, and we will not descend from the Golan Heights," said Agriculture and Environment Minister Raphael Eitan.

"The Golan must remain under Israeli sovereignty for security

reasons," Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer said on a private visit to Paris.

"In the event peace is established, we do not want to depend on the world to guard our security, but only on ourselves. We cannot agree to a heavily armed presence on the foothills and the heights," Hammer told a press conference.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu also dis-tanced himself from Levy's remarks, in a statement issued by a spokesman. "Only statements made by the prime minister reflect Israeli policy on these political issues," spokesman Michael Stoltz said.

out. MK Avraham Ravitz (United

Torah Judaism) called on Sharon

to consider long-term national

needs before demanding that bod-

ies such as the Israel Lands

Administration be transferred.

Levy backtracks from Golan Ministers back Har Homa site

CONSTRUCTION will begin soon on the controversial Har Homa neighborhood in southeastern Jerusalem, Interior Minister Eli Suissa and Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush vowed yesterday. Last week, the Jerusalem District Court lifted the immediate legal obstacles blocking work at Har Homa, when it rejected two petitions against the pro-ject, by the Peace Now-affiliated Ir Shalem group and businessman David Meir.

The court ruled that the petitions were premature because formal approval for building a lewish neighborhood on the site had not yet been given. But it left open the possibility that the petitions could be resubmitted once approval is received. Ir Shalem and Meir say

they will appeal again. In an interview with Israel Radio, Suissa

said: "I believe that work will begin on the roads in the coming weeks. The construction of housing will begin in several months." Porush told Israel Radio that he wanted work to begin quickly on Har Homa. He said

it was important to provide more housing for Jewish families in Jerusalem "to maintain the demographic balance that has existed since 1967 [between Jews and Arabs] in the city." Some 6,500 units are slated for the Har Homa neighborhood, with work scheduled to begin on 2,500 homes this year, barring further delays.

An Interior Ministry source said architects must still make adjustments in the plan before it goes to the minister for final approval. Mossi Raz, 2 spokesman for Ir Shalem, said his group would again appeal to the courts to prevent construction of an ail-lewish neighborhood at the site, in an area annexed to Jerusalem in 1967, "The minute [Suissa] signs the plan, we will go to court and file a petition," Raz said. The Palestinian Authority has also vowed to fight the project.

Meir, whose company owned a large section of the land expropriated by the government for the project, said he would also take the issue back to court. There is no reason that I and the Arab landowners shouldn't be allowed to develop the land ourselves," Meir said.

But Interior Ministry sources said they believed Meir and Ir Shalem had weak cases, and that there was little that could prevent work on the project - delayed for five years by repeated legal challenges - from beginning soon.

Orient House clash averted

FAISAL Husseini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, said he didn't know what all the fuss was about, after police yesterday threatened to prevent a gathering at Orient House, the PLO headquarters in the city.

A Police Ministry spokesman said in the morning that police were looking into the planned gathering, and would decide whether to prevent it on grounds it constituted illegal Palestinian

Authority activity in Jerusalem. In the meantime the gathering was moved to another site in east Jerusalem, and the police threat was lifted. Husseini said police overreacted, and that all that had been planned was a meeting of Non-Government Organization

representatives. He said there were electrical problems at Orient House, which

forced the event to be moved. "We often allow Orient House to be used by different organiza-Husseini told The Jerusalem Post. He described the planned meeting as "not one of our activities."

But according to a police source, the meeting at Orient House was to have included representatives of the PA, although

this in itself would not have constituted a violation of the rules limiting PA activity in Jerusalem. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani is scheduled to meet with Jerusalem Police Commander Aryeh Amit today, to discuss, among other things, policy toward Orient House.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office expressed satisfaction at the decision to cancel the meeting at Orient House,

Knesset approves transfer of authority to PM's office

THE Knesset yesterday endorsed a request by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to transfer the authority for several infrastructure-related fields to the Prime Minister's Office. This includes the Israel Lands Administration and the Ports and Railways Authority.

The jurisdiction for the Civil Service, Government Companies Authority, and Government Advertising Office was also transferred from the Finance Ministry

to the premier's office. The changes are apparently necessary to prepare the proposed National Infrastructure portfolio to enable MK Ariel Sharon to join the government. Sharon was present when the matter was raised in the plenum but left before the vote. The request was presented by Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud), who has been chosen to liaise between the government and the Knesset. The responsibility for the Israel Broadcasting

Katzrin to

expand

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Authority was moved from the Communications Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office.

The Knesset last night also endorsed the appointment of David Levy as foreign minister and Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) as deputy housing and construction minister. Only a few MKs were present for most of the debate but the opposition MKs who did stick it out criticized the transfer of power to the Prime Minister's Office. MK Moshe Shahal (Labor) said only half the public had voted for the coalition.
"Half the public is happy and half is sad, and I'm among the latter,"

MK Haim Oron (Meretz) complained that no minister was present for most of the plenum's first regular debate, and said he wondered whether the ministers were scared to leave their offices in case Sharon takes over while they're

Rights group queries Arafat on jailed

THE Katzrin local council is plan ning to expand the industrial zone near the Golan Heights township to meet projected demand for

more factory space. The plans call for the construction of an additional 10,000 square meters of industrial space over the next four years at an initial cost of NIS 14 million.

The work is to be carried out by the Katzrin economic development corporation, a subsidiary of the local council. This follows the expansion of several existing concerns in the past few years, including the Golan Winery, the regional dairy, a pottery company and a high-tech firm manufacturing night vision equipment.

Local council spokesman Shay Porat said the winery had invested NIS 4 million in the past four years to improve its visitors' center and increase production. The Golan dairy recently completed a new production line which boosted output by 20%.

Porat said the winery is expected to invest a further NIS 7 million on development and expansion projects and other firms a total of NIS 12 million over the next four years.

He said expansion of the industrial zone is expected to attract. new firms to the region which together with the projected expansion of existing companies would create scores of new jobs.

Meanwhile, Porat said the first pre-army Betar youth movement group on the Golan would be coming to Katzrin in August and would live in the township and work on community projects for a year as part of their IDF service.

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REPORTERS sans Frontieres, the Paris-based journalists' rights organization, wrote to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat yesterday demanding to know why a Gaza journalist, who claims he has been tortured, has been jailed for three months without

charges. Samir Ramatou, 28, was arrested on March 17 in Gaza, two weeks after the Dizengoff Center bombing in Tel Aviv. He works for Quds Press in Gaza City, and writes for the dailies An-Nahar and Al-Bilad. He has also worked for Ma'ariv.

Two weeks ago he smuggled a note from jail saying he he had been tortured physically and spiritually. He is married with

Quds Press is considered sympathetic to Hamas and another of its reporters was jailed for seven months before being released, but Hamatou is the only journalist known to be in jail in Gaza now.

Bassem Eid, representative of RSF here, said that Palestinian law is so complicated that it is

saw is so compicated that it is unclear how long a person could stay in jail without charges.

In another case, a journalist from Ramallah was jailed for one mouth on criminal charges, released, and then approached this week by preventive security agents. They asked him to coopagents. They asked him to cooperate by informing on his sources of information on stories involving drugs or weapons.
According to the the
Palestinian Basic Law, now in its fourth draft, the constitution will protect press freedom.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kahalani: We must honor Hebron withdrawal Kahalani: We must nonor Hebron withdrawal Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday the Netanyahu government should honor its predecessor's agreements with the Palestinian Authority that call for IDF redeployment in Hebron. "In my personal opinion, we have to honor agreements and withdraw from Hebron," he told reporters at National Police and withdraw from Hebron," he told reporters at National Police Headquarters. He added that Jewish residents in the city and the Machpela Cave must remain under IDF control and that territorial continuity should be established between Hebron and Kirvat Arba contiguity should be established between Hebron and Kiryat Arba.

ITV: Egypt acquired missile launchers
Channel 1 reported last night that Egypt recently acquired not only
missile materials, but missiles and launchers that could be turned missue materials, out missues and materials dist count of the on Israel if a regional military crisis developed. Channel 1's unsourced report said the missiles and launchers originated in Eastern Europe, were transferred to North Korea, and then to

French defense minister due here French Defense Minister Charles Millon is scheduled to arrive in Israel next month on an official visit as part of the defense cooperation accord signed by Israel and France two years ago. The accord calls for a strategic dialogue to be held between the two countries every six months.

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THE High Court of Justice yester-day sharply criticized the government's decision to replace Civil Service Commissioner Yitzhak Galnoor, and issued a show-cause order giving the state two days to justify the move.

Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach and Mishael Cheshin were hearing a petition by the Quality Government in Israel, which Galnoor later joined as a co-petitioner. The petition argued that since the civil service commissioner's job is to prevent the politicization of the civil service, it is improper for a new government to throw out the incumbent as one of its first acts upon taking power. This move, the petition argued, creates the suspicion it is meant as an attempt to eliminate a stumbling block to planned political appointments.

In response, government attorney Osnat Mandel argued that the civil service commissioner has another job as well: He oversees government policy on all matters relating to administration and manpower. Since Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu plans a major restructuring of govern-ment ministries, she said, it is crucial that the civil service commissioner be someone who shares these goals and is prepared to implement them.

Furthermore, she said, attorney Shmuel Hollander, who is slated to replace Galnoor, can hardly be accused of politicization, since he served under the previous Labor government as both cabinet secre**EVELYN GORDON**

tary and legal adviser to the Prime Minister's Office.

The justices, however, were incensed by two things: The way in which Galnoor's dismissal was handled, and the government's apparent violation of an interim injunction against Hollander's appointment.

Galnoor learned of his dismissal from rumors. He asked Hollander, who told him that he was slated to replace Galnoor the following day. Later that day, he got a call from the Prime Minister's Office, telling him to vacate his office and return his car and cellular phone.

"Did anyone speak to Galnoor?" Barak demanded. "Is this how you fire someone?... He's a human being!"

Barak said Galnoor should at least have been asked if he was willing to implement Netanyahu's new policies, just as other civil servants are given a chance to adapt to new directives before being fired. Mandel argued that Galnoor's case was different, since he is one of a handful of civil servants on special contract which permits them to be fired at will with a month's pay. However, Barak did not appear convinced.

The justices also slammed the state for going ahead with Hollander's appointment even after the court issued an injunction against it last Wednesday. One argument raised in the petition was that Hollander's appointment had not been approved by a special civil service committee, as

required. The government argued that this was not necessary, since Hollander had been approved by the civil service when he was appointed cabinet secretary. However, to be on the safe side, it set up such a committee the day after the injunction was issued. and the committee approved Hollander's appointment on

Bach noted, however, that seeking the committee's approval violated the court's injunction against taking any action to implement Hollander's appointment.

Did anyone even ask the attorney-general whether it was legal to appoint the committee, in light of the injunction, Cheshin asked. Mandel argued that the commit-tee's approval was not really nec-essary. When Meir Gabbai was appointed commissioner, she

noted, he was also not approved by a special committee, having already been approved by the commission for another civil service post. While the last two appointees were approved by a special committee, this was only because there was a question raised about whether they were political appointments, she said. However, the justices noted, it may be that a circular issued by

the attorney-general in these two cases made approval by a special committee standard procedure. Since the State Attorney's Office was unable to locate this circular. it is impossible to know for certain, they said.

The hearing will continue on



Brig.-Gen. Ephraim Eitan (center) examines air-to-air missiles at the opening of Eurosatory '96 in Paris yesterday. Story, Page 8 (AP)

Landau: Christopher should have delayed visit

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher should have waited another two weeks before visiting, to give the government more time to review and make policy decisions, MK Uzi

Landau (Likud) said yesterday.
"It would have made the visit more fruitful," said Landau, who was chosen yesterday to chair the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense

The division of seats on the committees leaves the Likud with just two members on the

prestigious committee - Landau and Ariel Sharon - while a third seat was given by the Likud to Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi. The National Religious Party has six representa-

Landau said he hoped the committee would set aside their political differences and focus on the main issues concerning the committee, as a

"In an era when the prime minister's power is being increased [following the direct elections and establishment of the National Security Council] it will be important to stick to at least the former procedures, in which the Knesset can have an opening through which it can look at what the executive is doing," he said.

New MK Gideon Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Services, ran for the committee chairmanship against Landau, but

committee chairmanship against Landau, but the latter won 14 votes to three.

Court upholds ruling vs. company that misled pensioners

THE Supreme Court yesterday upheld a lower court's findings that a company which claims to help people obtain pensions from Germany is misleading its customers, but reversed a fine which the lower court had levied against the company.

The case stemmed from several suits filed by the company, called the Organization for Realizing the Social Insurance Treaty Between Israel and Germany, against a competitor, called CDR-The German Pension Center. Both companies claim to help Israeli citizens who are eligible obtain German pensions. The CDR had charged, various publications, that the Organization was abusing its clients' trust to line its own pockets, and the

EVELYN GORDON

Organization responded by suing the CDR. The Tel Aviv District Court ruled in the Organization's favor with respect to most of the specific issues. But it found that the CDR's basic charge against the Organization was correct: The Organization was abusing its clients' trust. Obtaining the German pensions entailed retroactively paying 25 years' worth of premiums, and most clients found themselves unable to come up with the necessary lump sum. The Organization had therefore arranged for its clients to get loans from a credit agency to make this payment.

However, when recommending this

agency to its clients, the Organization never mentioned that it was a part-owner of the agency, and shared in its profits. The clients ended up getting little benefit from their pensions, because almost the entire monthly sum went to repay the loan agency.

The lower court therefore charged the Organization NIS75,000 in court costs, saying that despite CDR's improper behavior, it had performed a public service by exposing the Organization. The Organization then appealed to the Supreme Court. It also asked that CDR be obliged to pay it com-

pensation for slander.

Justices Shlomo Levine, Tova Strasberg-

Cohen and Dorit Beinish declined to intervene in the lower court's factual findings, but said they agreed with the lower court that the Organization had acted improperly in not informing its clients of its vested interest in the credit agency. For this reason, the court also rejected the

Organization's request for compensation. However, it accepted the appeal with respect to the court costs. Since the Organization won the specific suits it filed, it was hardly fair to make it pay the defendant's court costs, the justices said - and particularly since CDR's actions, even if they wound up promoting the public inter-est, were in and of themselves reprebensi-

bans Gefen

concert

DAN IZENBERG

MK Pini Badash (Likud-Tsomet).

the mayor of Omer, has banned an

appearance by pop star Aviv

Gefen in his town because the

Badash's decision was con-

firmed by his spokesman, Nissim

Gefen's lawyer, Ron Mayor,

told Israel Radio talk show host

Shelly Yehimovich that Gefen had

volunteered to serve in the army

after being found medically unsuitable, but the army turned

Mayor charged that Badash had

previously exploited his position and forced his opinions on the

general public. "It is not the first

time that people have reacted to

Aviv in a way that has nothing to

do with the facts," he continued.

"Unfortunately, he has gotten

used to it. But to say that it does-

n't affect him would be an exag-

According to Nir, the perfor-

Meanwhile, Israel Radio report-

mance was scheduled for July 5.

ed that pop stars Rita and Rami Kleinstein will not appear at the

annual Arad festival, where three

teenagers were crushed to death at

down his offer.

geration."

singer did not serve in the army.

on the Hebron-Kiryat Gat road, two people were killed, one person seriously injured and another moderately hurt. Near Moshav Kadima in the Sharon, a man was seriously hurt when his car overturned.

Six people killed on roads

dead by MDA ambulances at the scene.

when his car overturned.

Eleven people suffered light to moderate injuries when a van hit a pick-up truck near Baka Al-Gharbiya in Wadi Arā. The injured were taken in ambulances and private cars to Hillel Yaffe Hospital

news in Brief

A young man was burned to death and his friend lightly injured when the car they were riding in hit a truck and burst into flames

near Mehola in the Jordan Valley. The burned man was declared

hit her as she was waiting for a bus just outside of Ramle.

A 46-year-old Jerusalem woman was killed last night when a van

In a head-on collision between two trucks, a man was killed and

two people seriously injured. A car overturned in the Jordan Valley

in the morning, and the woman driving it was killed. In a collision

Show-cause order against MK who remains mayor The High Court of Justice issued a show-cause order yesterday against Likud MK David Re'em's failure to resign as mayor of Kiryat Ata after being sworn in to the Knesset, as required by a new law passed last year. Re'em is arguing that he should be allowed to remain as mayor for another six months. The court gave Re'em 15 days in which to justify his position. Evelyn Gordon

Peace Watch: 200 days' closure since Oslo A report by Peace Watch says that, since the Oslo accords were signed on September 13, 1993, there have been about 200 days of full closure in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, some 90 of them between February 25 and the elections last month. The last closure cost the Palestinians \$4 million to \$5m. a day, Peace Watch says. Jerusalem Post Staff

New director-general for Interior Ministry
Interior Minister Eli Suissa yesterday accepted the resignation of Director-General Amram Kalagi. He is to be replaced by Ya'acov Efrati, director-general of the Jerusalem Municipality. Kalagi wanted to resign two years ago, but because of the rapid turnover of ministers had agreed to stay on.

Herzog tipped for Northern Ireland peace talks

TOM GROSS

Forecast to include

UV ray intensity

FORMER president Chaim Herzog may be asked to chair the stalled Northern Ireland peace talks, according to unofficial sources in London.

Belfast-born and raised in Dublin, Herzog is in the rare position of not only having gained substantial diplomatic and political experience during his years at the United Nations and as president, but has close family ties with Ireland without being either Protestant or Catholic.

Some key leaders among the

majority Protestant community in Northern Ireland have expressed dissatisfaction with President Bill Clinton's choice to chair the talks, former senator George Mitchell, who is of Irish Catholic descent. lan Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, earlier this month denounced Mitchell as "a crony of Gerry Adams," the leader of the IRA's political wing. Sinn Fein, before storming out of

Herzog, 77, told The Jerusalem

THE Meteorological Service will

soon issue a daily forecast on the

amount of ultraviolet rays that

reach various parts of the country.

Israel will thus join Canada, Australia and the US, whose resi-

dents have heard such forecasts

Continual and uncontrolled

exposure to the invisible ultravio-

let rays of the sun can cause seri-

ous health dangers over one's life-

time, experts warn. Not only does

UV light age the skin, but it can

also cause cataracts in lens of the

eye and melanoma and other types

of skin cancer. The incidence of

melanoma has increased by 300%

An inter-disciplinary team of

scientists from Rambam Hospital,

the Meteorological Service and

the Haifa Technion's school of

medicine and architecture faculty

have developed a technique to

during the past three decades.

for several years.

Post that he is "very flattered by the idea" that his name might be put forward."I was born into the conflict and grew up with it," he

Political analysts in London said Herzog may prove the ideal compromise candidate. The other main candidate whose name has come up informally as an alternative to Mitchell, Henry Kissinger, is not considered suitable because of his lack of ties with Ireland.

Herzog had a distinguished career in the British army during World War II, becoming head of intelligence in Germany, but through family connections he has also been close to the nationalist community in Ireland.

His father, Isaac, was the first chief rabbi of an independent Ireland, and a lifelong friend of Irish nationalist leader and prime minister Eamon de Valera, as a result of which Ireland is the only country in Europe whose constitution specifically mentions rights for "the Hebrew communities

estimate the level of UV radiation

from data collected at 20 stations

The scale will range from below

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7 to 8.9, when the danger is high:

and over 9, when the danger is

extreme. The team aims at

increasing awareness of the dan-

stratospheric ozone layer due to

around the country.

gers of UV exposure.

Therapist indicted for Omer mayor sodomizing clients

CLINICAL psychologist Alexander Milo was indicted by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday on charges of sexually molesting two of his male clients.

Milo, who has tried to take his own life in the Abu Kabir lock-up, admitted to police that he committed sodomy and other indecent acts on male clients, while telling them this was part of their treat-

According to the charge sheet, Milo, 49, told clients they would recover from their problems after sexual experiences with him. Initially the clients were afraid

to complain to police about the psychologist's alleged actions.

According to a district attorney's office representative, the fact it took them a while to complain shows the influence a man in Milo's position had on his clients.

According to the charge sheet, one client was sexually abused for 12 months, while the second was abused for six years. One of the ways Milo misused his role as a therapist was to hypnotize his clients while they were naked.

The case surfaced when a 23year-old man filed a complaint to Holon police, who launched an undercover investigation before arresting Milo. Following his arrest, other male clients lodged similar complaints.

Hunger striker protests single minister for Agriculture, Environment

LIAT COLLINS

A CONCERNED private citizen has launched a hunger strike to protest the decision to have only one minister in charge of both the Agriculture and Environment ministries.

Veterinarian Bernard Hurwitz started the strike this week with a friend and says he intends to continue it until the government reconsiders its decision to have one minister - Rafael Eitan - in charge of both portfolios. "There is a clear conflict of interests here between the pressures of the farmers who are interested in rezoning land for industry and environmentalists who want topreserve land resources," Hurwitz said yesterday. "Israel will be the most backward country [in the western world] when it comes to environmental management and

The public will be warned to avoid exposure to the sun during He also said the two ministries the peak hours from 10 a.m. to 4 have conflicting ideas on wildlife p.m. and also to use sunscreens. management, pesticide use, and wear broad-brimmed hats and the pollution problems resulting light clothing with long sleeves. from agricultural policy such as The team is also planning to conthe disposal of animal feces and duct research on the changes over waste. "People are ignoring the the years in the intensity of UV tremendous pressure on land use," he said. "But things can't radiation in Israel and the Middle East, and the effects on UV levels carry on like this." resulting from changes in the

Horwitz is also writing protest letters to the prime minister and Although he started his action as a private individual, he has won the support of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel for a concert last year. The two joined other stars, including Shlomo Artzi, in boycotting this year's

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government officials.

festival, the radio said.

A Biography of Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky

by Shmuel Katz

This is the long-awaited English version of the biography of one of the most dramatic figures of 20th century jewish history - Ze'ev jabotinsky, founder of Revisionism - journalist, novelist, poet, soldier, linguist and outstanding orator. Shmuel Katz has drawn on archival material, unpublished and newly translated letters, and extensive sources for this account of the center of Zionist history in the 1920's and beyond. Katz himself is known as an author and newspaper columnist; he has used newly available archival documentation in this meticulous and comprehensive biography, from Odessa, 1880 to New York, 1940. Previously published in Hebrew as JABO. Hardcover, 2 vol., 1856pp.

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(Continued from Page 1) But now it's time to pay up. Not only can the government no longer afford to live with an \$11 billion trade deficit or a \$4.1b. current-account deficit, but Netanyahu has hinged his political fortunes on a Thatcherist program of tax cuts and state-asset

For this actually to happen would require a hefty NIS 5b. budget cut, and a wave of layoffs the likes of which has not been seen since the 1985 austerity plan. Only after drinking this bitter medicine can the remarkable growth the economy has seen so far this decade develop into a durable turning point in this counultimately they would generate the kind of healthy labor mobility which in the 1980s, following the cancellation of the Lavi fighterplane project, dramatically accelerated the high-tech sector's growth rate. Apparently, this is what Frenkel, Meridor, and Netanyahu have in mind. It is the rest of the

Yes, the layoffs will hurt. But

try's economic history.

government which has yet to understand that the fiscally expansive business that ministers traditionally tended to promote can simply not continue. The beauty of it is that they simply don't have any choice. If Frenkel's prodding won't help, then the currency, stock, and debt markets' effective whips will do the job later on.

Hopefully, Netanyahu's preelection sound bites on economic issues will soon be translated into a comprehensive package of economic measures. In that event, we may have to fasten our seat belts for a rough ride in the near term. But, if well managed, Israel's long overdue Thatcherist revolution could lead to a soft landing just in time for the next elections.

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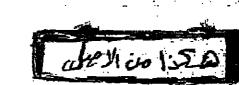
(Continued from Page 1) Last week. President Bill Clinton privately suggested that Syrian President Hafez Assad may have missed his chance to regain the Golan.

During his visit here, Christopher will also meet Levy. opposition leader Shimon Peres and President Ezer Weizman.

After visiting Cairo tomonow. Christopher will fly to Lyon. France, where he will participate in the summit of the seven ton industrialized states.







Russia's Zyuganov seeks post-election pact

COMMUNIST presidential candidate Gennady Zyuganov, trailing President Boris Yelrsin in opinion polls ahead of the July 3 election runoff, called yesterday for a national peace pact and a coalition government.

Zyuganov, spelling out details of a proposal he has made before, suggested a three-way carve-up of government posts after the election, based on results of December's parliamentary poll.

There was no immediate reaction from Yeltsin's camp but liberal excandidate Grigory Yavlinsky, who announced conditional backing for Yeltsin, yesterday, dismissed the

The communists cannot be confident of victory. They have no grounds for this. This proposal is repeated from time to time and I cannot not take it seriously. It is pre-

election propaganda," he said. Yeltsin received a boost yesterday when the liberal Yabloko movement led by Yavlinsky decided to back him in the runoff, setting only mild conditions for their support.

Yavlinsky wrote a letter to Yeltsin seeking a more welfare-oriented economic policy, a commitment to ending the war in Chechnya, and a

pledge to reduce his powers. The Yabloko leader, who won 5.5 million votes in the first round, told a news conference he saw no

chance of Zyuganov winning. "Half of the people who voted for me will now vote for Yeltsin, but we are now talking about the other half of my voters. If these votes are so important for Mr Yeltsin, he has to

convince them to vote for him." But the pro-government political movement Our Home is Russia sharply criticized former presidential candidate Yavlinsky yesterday

for his lukewarm attitude. Yavlinsky, a liberal economist who came in fourth in last week's first round of presidential voting, has been resisting endorsing Yeltsin in the runoff.

Yavlinsky's inability to make up his mind and clearly express his position as to whom his movement will support in the July 3 runoff is very frustrating," said Sergei Belyayev, leader of the Our Home faction in parliament.

Yavlinsky, who heads the Yabloko party, was showing "detachment from his electorate and political childishness," Belyayev told the Interfax news agency.

Communist leader Zyuganov proposed a list of names for a "Council of National Accord" including leaders of all parties in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament. After the election the body would be changed by a constitutional amendment into a State Council which would essentially take over the powers of the president.

Zyuganov, 51, who has not campaigned since the June 16 first round in which he trailed Yeltsin by three points, declined to answer questions on his plan but said he would hold a news conference today.

He said the Council would lay down policy and form a national unity government in which a third of posts would go to his communistled "national-patriotic" bloc, a third

third to other Duma factions. "Russia is in a serious situation and no single political force is in a dominant position," Zyuganov said. citing the danger of a "national col-

Zyuganov's passive campaign has raised doubts about whether he and his backers are really interested in winning the runoff. He is said by his aides not to be planning any campaign trips.

Some Russian analysts say the communists want to come a respectable second to Yeltsin and use their control of the Duma to bargain over the new cabinet.

Yeltsin has promised to renew his team but has shown no inclination to compromise by bringing in communists or dilute his own powers. When he organised his own 'Treaty of National Accord" in March 1994, the communists boycotted it.

Last week he sacked three top officials, including personal security chief Alexander Korzhakov, who were said by Russian commentators to be sympathetic to communist coalition overtures.

Zyuganov's list of suggested cabinet members included two Yeltsin loyalists, Moscow mayor Yuri Luzhkov and Murtaza Rakhimov, president of the ethnic republic of Bashkortostan.



An Orthodox priest preaches to Ukrainian commandos during a break in field exercises at their base near Kiev yesterday. Since Ukraine's split from the Soviet Union, the church has taken a firm foothold in the country's military.

Hague war crimes tribunal to hear testimony against Karadzic

THE HAGUE (Reuter) Witnesses will take the stand in the Hague court Thursday to testify against separatist Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, co-accused of genocide in the Bosnian war.

WORLD NEWS

But neither Karadzic nor-his military henchman will be in the dock at the UN war crimes tribunal for former Yugoslavia.

The tribunal's two most wanted men, charged last July with atrocities during the three-year siege of Sarajevo and again, four months later, over the bloody Serb assault the UN "safe area" of Srebrenica, are widely seen as the main obstacle to peace in the former Yugoslavia.

They remain at large, running their political and military operations from the Bosnian Serb stronghold in Pale. Hobbled by the international community's political inertia and unable itself to go to Bosnia and arrest those it accuses of war crimes, the tribunal has to fall back on its Rule 61 process - a mechanism which allows prosecutors to present evidence at public hearings against those charged

but not arrested, But the rules of the tribunal, set up by the UN Security Council in 1993, do not allow for a trial in absentia.

"Rule 61 is a reminder to the international community to keep its word and enforce its own decisions following the Dayton agreement," said tribunal spokesman Christian Chartier.

Over seven days, survivors and witnesses will give evidence

about a long, grim list of atrocities allegedly orchestrated by the two Bosnian Serb leaders.

One key witness is likely to be Drazen Erdemovic, a young Croat who pleaded guilty to crimes against humanity in May, claiming he had been forced to take part in the summary execution of hundreds of unarmed Moslem men at Srebrenica.

He is due to be sentenced in early July but not before he has given evidence.

Ton Karremans, commander of the Dutch UN peacekeeping force at Srebrenica, is also due to testi-

Judge Fouad Riad is expected to confirm the indictments and issue international arrest warrants against Karadzic and Mladic, making them fugitives, unable to leave Bosnian Serb territory without the risk of capture and extradition to The Hague.

Announcing the Srebrenica indictment. Riad said events in July 1995 were like scenes from hell, with "unimaginable savagery" against Moslems, as many as 6,000 of whom are believed to have been slaughtered in what has been called the worst atrocity in Europe since the end of World War Two.

The two men are accused of responsibility for other alleged atrocities throughout Bosnia - the sniping campaign against civilians in Sarajevo, the holding of UN peacekeepers as human shields, mass executions and the shelling of Tuzla in northern Bosnia that left 195 people dead

die in Pakistani political riots

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Interior Minister Nasirullah Babaar called for a judicial inquiry into the deaths of two protestors and a police officer killed Monday when police clashed with a mob of anti-government

At least 60 others were wounded, nine of them seriously, when police shot at 500 demonstrators who were marching on the capital to protest a new budget with heavy new taxes, state-run Pakistan Radio Twenty of the injured were police officers, the

radio report said. One police officer died of injuries he sustained when a mob retaliating for the shootings ransacked

and set fire to his highway sentry post. In a brief statement to lawmakers in the capital, Islamabad, Babaar admitted the protesters had been killed by police, but accused the demonstrators of

"Several persons among the protesters were armed," Babaar was quoted as saying by state run

The government called in the army to block roads linking Rawalpindi to Islamabad, just 10 km away. The demonstration, led by Pakistan's small but powerful right-wing religious party, Jamaat-e-Islami or Party of Islam, quickly spin out of control, wit-

The mob screamed anti-government slogans and pelted police with stones and empty bottles, they

Police retaliated, firing dozens of tear gas shells that sent the crowd of mostly young men in their 20s

scurrying into a maze of narrow laneways. When they returned some were carrying burning tear gas shells wrapped in a wet rags that they hurled back at the police.

Police fired bursts of bullets into the air but sometimes into the crowd, said one witness. "The police aren't trained. First the rifle is in the air

and then it's aimed at the crowd," said Khurshid Ahmed, a local photographer. The body of one young worker, barely 20, was carried by his comrades to a nearby building, where Jamant-e-Islami leader Qasi Hussein Ahmed said a

prayer for the dead boy. "He was shot in the stomach and he was bleeding a lot. He died on the spot," said Khurshid Ahmed.

Another wounded protestor died later in hospital. The government blamed the killings on the protestors saying several policemen were injured in the fra-

Scores of people sustained injuries and dozens of vehicles damaged when a mob ... turned violent and resorted to firing," the official Associated Press of Pakistan said.

Demonstrators later set fire to a police station in Rawalpindi and beat the lone police officer on duty there, said a police spokesman, who did not want to

Ahmed was briefly detained by police but was later office. The action puts the lawsuit by a former Arkansas state employee on hold until after

Quebec Nigeria starts campaign against Commonwealth suspension national celebration

turns violent QUEBEC (AP) - Rioters broke hundreds of windows, looted shops and set fire to a government building as Quebec's national holiday celebrations turned violent early yesterday.

Five police officers were injured and about 80 people arrested in the rioting in the historic district of Quebec's old quarter. The damage was estimated by police at \$500,000 (NIS1.2 million). Bricks and rocks littered the

streets and repair crews replaced some of the hundreds of broken windows in office buildings, restaurants, hotels and banks. Flower pots were turned over,

wooden benches were pulled apart and glass bus shelters were destroyed in a rampage lasting

about four hours. Quebec City Police Chief Normand Bergeron said 240 police officers were on duty but with an estimated 2,000 rioters, "it's difficult for police to do their job." None of the police injuries was serious.

LONDON (AP) - A 17-strong Nigerian delegation began a cam-paign yesterday to lift Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth and avert sanctions and possible expulsion

from the 51-nation organization.

The delegation led by Foreign Minister Tom Ikimi held talks behind closed doors with a special Commonwealth committee which is considering steps against Nigeria's military government for its blatant disregard of human rights and democracy. The committee was established

last November when Nigeria was suspended from Commonwealth membership at the organization's summit meeting in Anckland, New Zealand. While the meeting was in progress, the regime executed nine minority Ogoni leaders, despite international pleas for clemency.

Lagos's Thisday newspaper

reported yesterday that during Nigeria's two-day meeting with the Commonwealth, Ikimi will demand the lifting of Commonwealth suspension, the cessation of talks about further sanctions against Nigeria and support of the Commonwealth for Gen. Sani Abacha's three-year transition to democracy program.

Ikimi also wants a platform for regular dialogue between the Commonwealth and what he termed "Nigeria's credible government,"

the paper said. eight-member Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, chaired by Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister Stan Mudenge, also includes the foreign ministers of New Zealand, South Africa, Ghana, Malaysia, Jamaica, Canada and Britain. Abacha has refused to allow the group to visit Nigeria.

The Financial Times said yesterday that the outcome of the meeting will affect Nigeria's main trading partners, the United States and the European Union.

"Both are reluctant to apply economic sanctions against the oil-rich country and are looking to the Commonwealth to take the lead," the paper said.

British companies are the largest investors and exporters to Nigeria. At its last meeting in April, the ministerial group recommended that Commonwealth members ban arms exports to Nigeria, withdraw military attaches, halt military training. ban sporting contacts and downgrade cultural links with Nigeria.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US Supreme Court agreed yesterday to decide whether a sexual-harassment lawsuit against President McCurry said the president was informed of Clinton should be delayed while he remains in

November's presidential election. The court said it will hear Clinton's argument that presidents have "unique responsibilities" and almost never should have to face

trial in private civil lawsuits while in office. The justices are expected to hear arguments this fall or winter in the lawsuit filed by Paula

Corbin Jones. The court likely will issue a ruling in 1997.

Clinton welcomed the development. "The White House is pleased that the court has recognized the merits in the petition put forward by the president's attorneys," press secretary Mike McCurry said while traveling with the president in Nashville, Tennessee.

US Supreme Court will decide on

Clinton sexual harassment case

the ruling during a break in the families' conference he was attending there. Jones' lawsuit alleges that Clinton proposi-

tioned her in a Little Rock hotel suite in 1991 while he was governor of Arkansas, but that she rejected his suggestion.

Clinton has denied ever having an encounter with Jones and has said he cannot recall whether he ever met her. Jones, who filed the lawsuit in May 1994, is

seeking more than dirs 700,000 in damages. A federal judge in Arkansas ruled that a trial should be delayed until Clinton leaves office but that pre-trial fact-gathering could begin.

An appeals court, however, ruled in January that the case could go to trial during Clinton's

"We hold that the Constitution does not confer upon an incumbent president any immunity from civil actions that arise from his unofficial acts," the appeals court said. It said the trial judge should manage the case to avoid interfering with Clinton's official duties.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Clinton's lawyers said that absent "exceptional circumstances," a sitting president should not have to face trial in a private civil lawsuit.

No other president ever has been compelled to do so, his lawyers said, adding that a trial could jeopardize the constitutional separation of powers between the judiciary and presiden-

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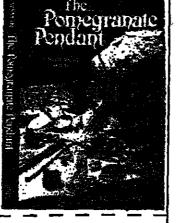
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Coalition partners' responsibility

TN electing MK Dan Tichon as Knesset Speaker yesterday, the Likud faction may A have been sending a message to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Tichon has been one of the most outspoken critics of Netanyahu's decision to give his coalition partners control of most Knesset committees, charging that this will leave the government unable to implement its programs.

The Likud proper is currently slated to control only two of the seven committees the coalition will chair, with David Levy's Gesher Party chairing a third. The other four will go to coalition partners.

What is significant, however, is that chairmanship of the three most powerful committees in the Knesset have all been allocated to the religious parties.

United Torah Judaism will control the Finance Committee, which approves not only the state budget, but also various budgetary transfers and adjustments on an almost daily basis. If this committee balks, the government may be unable to get funding for its projects. Furthermore, this committee is responsible for preparing all major economic legislation.

The National Religious Party will chair the Law Committee, which prepares most major non-economic legislation, and Shas has been granted control of the House Committee, which determines Knesset procedure. This committee can ease legislation through the Knesset or put stumbling blocks before it.

While the Likud will control the prestigious Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, this committee has little real legislative power.

Furthermore, though the allocation of committee seats has not yet been finished, it appears that the coalition partners will be heavily represented on many key committees at the Likud's expense. This is critical because on most committees, the coalition has a majority of only one seat. If all the parties do not show up for crucial votes, the coalition is likely to find itself facing a string of embarrassing defeats.

This problem is heightened by the fact that in the last Knesset, Shas, and UTJ MKs, in particular, were conspicuously absent from most committee meetings. Should this behavior continue, the government will be paralyzed.

Netanyahu would be well-advised to do what he can to increase the Likud's representation on important committees. However, due to the lavish promises he made in the coalition negotiations, his options are limited. To a large extent, he can only hope that his partners show the same loyalty to coalition interests that characterized Meretz during the previous government.

The religious parties took one significant step towards greater integration into national life by their decision, for the first time, to openly endorse one party's prime ministerial candidate. Russian immigrants did the same by placing Yisrael Ba'aliya in the Knesset with seven seats. If both groups continue this trend and act as responsible members of the coalition for the next four years, the country will be the winner.

If, however, Netanyahu's generosity to his coalition partners turns the Knesset into the dysfunctional entity Tichon gloomily described last week, he will have failed a major test of his leadership - and the country will pay the price.

An honorable resignation

TTAMAR Rabinovich's resignation this week as Israel's ambassador to Washington Lcame as no surprise. A man of keen intelligence and integrity, he knew he could not faithfully serve the new government in this most crucial of diplomatic postings. As head of the talks with Syria under prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, (former Foreign Ministry directorgeneral Uri Savir replaced him in this role after Rabin's assassination), Rabinovich was closely identified with the Labor government's willingness to consider major territorial concessions on the Golan Heights in return for a peace treaty with Damascus. The new government guidelines, however, state clearly that retaining sovereignty over the Golan is to be the basis for any arrangement with Syria. Not even the elasticity sometimes demanded of diplomats could stretch over this difference of outlook.

Unfortunately, not all of Rabinovich's colleagues intend to follow his example. The most blatant political appointment in the diplomatic service, and the most shocking in terms of its pure cynicism, is that of Ora Namir as ambassador to China. Namir, who was disappointed with her relatively low position on the Labor list of candidates for last month's elections, received an ambassadorship from then-foreign minister Ehud Barak in return for agreeing to step down from Labor's Knesset list. Labor, at that time, was looking for a "volunteer" to give

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - The world is telling the

State of Israel that Hebron must be

given to the Arabs because the Arab

population there is so much larger

than the Jewish one. But why is this

so? In 1929, the unarmed Jewish

inhabitants of Hebron were massa-

cred by the Hebronite Arabs and the

city was made Judenrein. After the

1948 War of independence, ai-

though Israel allowed Arabs to live

in the areas under its control (gener-

osity for which it is suffering today),

no Jews were permitted to live in

The murderers of Hebron were

never punished or held to account

for their 1929 butchery. Are they or

their descendants to be rewarded

now for their eradication of the Jew-

ish population of Hebron by being

given the opportunity to make He-

In I Kings, it is related that King

Ahab of Samaria, despite his great

possessions, coveted the small vine-

bron "empty of Jews" again?

Arab territory,

THE MURDERERS OF HEBRON

up his or her slot to parachute a Russian immigrant to a safe position on the list, in the hope of attracting the immigrant vote.

Namír, who is no political novice, took the precaution of leaving the country to take up her post before election day. Thus the new government finds itself saddled with an ambassador in Beijing who was party to all the decisions of the Labor government over the past four years.

The new government is also left with political appointments in two other highly sensitive postings: Moscow and Amman. The ambassa dor to Jordan, Shimon Shamir, has said he will discuss his future with senior officials in Jerusalem, but Aliza Shenhar - whose appointment drew fire from the start, since she was neither an expert on Russia nor a Russian speaker - has repeatedly insisted that she will serve out her term in Russia.

Given this background of problematic appointments in the foreign service, one hopes Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will exercise care when choosing Rabinovich's successor. Before his government was formed, Netanyahu talked of a "government of excellence." The horse-trading and undignified scenes that accompanied the government's formation took some of the shine off that promise. Some of the mistakes made then stemmed from hasty decision-making. Netanyahu should not rush or be pressured into a hasty decision on this posting.

Martyrs in Oslo's name

from the trap called Oslo in spite of the "sanctity" of

OPINION

When the prime minister goes to the US, he will surely take along a list detailing American breaches of promise - for example, Henry Kissinger's undertaking not to recognize the PLO or support a Palestinian state. The US systematically eroded this pledge well before

Another example: President Ford's promise to uphold Israel's claim to continued possession of the Golan. Another: Eisenhower's guarantee, in exchange for Israel's retreat from the Sinai in 1956, to safeguard free navigation through the Straits of Tiran. When Abba Eban rushed off to the US demanding fulfillment of this solemn promise, the Americans "couldn't trace" the document in

In 1922 the League of Nations granted Britain a Mandate over Palestine on condition that it commit itself to establishing "a Jewish national home" in Palestine. Just 17 years later Britain issued the notorious White Paper virtually abolishing the Mandate and paving the way for Arab rule over the whole country.

In international practice, the number of treaties broken, amended orwhich died a natural death by far surpasses the number faithfully fulfilled. Some, like the White Paper, were violated wantonly and maliciously; others by applying the wellestablished rule of rebus sic stantibus by which treaties remain binding "under the prevailing circumstances" - in other words, they may be changed under altered conditions. Hebron is a good case in point. Another list our prime minister

will have in his pocket will detail Palestinian breaches of the Oslo agreement. Following are only those breaches relevant to the Arab demand that the IDF withdraw from

The Palestinians undertook to

ELYAKIM HA'ETZNI-

army. They promised prior submission of the names of those who would be recruited into it, allowing Israel to exercise right of veto in the event it made the most notorious murderers officers and governors. Nine thousand policeme grew into

20,000, and Nabil Shaath threatened that should the IDF dare to enter Ramallah in the pursuit of terrorists, an army of 5,000 would be waiting for it (according to Oslo, the number of policemen allowed for the whole Ramallah district is 1,200). They agreed that the Palestinian

The 'sanctity' of agreements doesn't oblige the complying party to be a candidate for sainthood

police would confiscate all illegal weapons - and, in fact, the areas under Palestinian rule have become a huge arsenal, including explosives.

They undertook to keep "public order" and "internal security." The reality: They act like gangsters, kidnapping and torturing innocent people, extorting ransoms, riding around in stolen cars, abusing private proper-They swore that "Palestinians who have maintained contact with the Israeli authorities will not be subjected to acts of harassment, violence, retribution or prosecution." The reality. They kill, kidnap and torture them. They committed themselves to refrain from "incitement and hostile propaganda," but never have.

They undertook to fight terrorism, but made deals with Hamas. They agreed to extradite terrorists, but establish a police force, but built an turned all their towns into cities of refuge for them.

They pledged to respect "the prin-

ciples of human rights and the rule of law," but established a regime like Saddam Hussein's, making many Arab Hebronites beg the IDF

THE "sanctity" of agreements does not oblige the complying party to martyr himself as a candidate for sainthood, fulfilling obligations even when conditions have changed.

Before proceeding any further, along the Oslo road, we should be allowed to ask: Had we known beforehand that the other side would turn in this kind of performance, would we have relinquished responsibility for security in all those Arab towns? Would we have created, knowingly, eight hotbeds of terror?

And now just one town remains, more sensitive and dangerous than all the others put together, in which a strong Hamas element confronts a small, vulnerable Jewish community. Are we obligated to walk into disaster with open eyes? After Arafat's treatment of the

Oslo agreement, Israel was fully entitled to regard him as being in breach of the entire contract and rescind it lock, stock and barrel.

But our new government has elected not to go that far. Thus light of Israel's experience with this "peace" partner, it has no choice but

to change its conditions. If the US demands that Netanyahu go on dancing to the Oslo time in strict accordance with the written score, knowing that it is really a requiem for us, he could remind his hosts how the US took Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California etc., breaking, changing and adapting treaties to new realities - not to speak of dozens of agreements with the Indians which were cruelly violated. Above all, Netanyahu should ask Clinton: If you were in our shoes

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what would you do?

By men, for men

ESTHER HERTZOG

INISTER Limor Livnat. IBA chief ¥ Kirshenbaum. columnists Shmuel Shnitzer and Tommy Lapid have all persuaded me: Our official TV channel must be privatized, even if not for the reasons they suggest.

Why? Because Channel 1 is a channel by Israeli men, for Israeli men. Women can have no interest in a channel that perpetuates discrimination against them - using. moreover, their license fees to do

A TV channel that has no time for half the population is certainly not official in any meaningful sense. Proof? You don't have to

A recent No-man's-land discussed "the people against the hostile media" and the proposal to privatize Channel 1. No less than 10 men graced the program, but not a single woman – not even Communications Minister Livnat, who has expressed very negative views about what gets shown on TV. The barely-concealed message was that we women have nothing to contribute to serious debate.

The program also reflected the distorted way public hostility to the media gets discussed in the official electronic media itself.

Rightists claim that this hostility is a reaction to the media's 'leftness." But it isn't a question of left or right. The public feels hostile to a snobbish and chauvinistic establishment in which it feels it has no voice.

It's an establishment media, and everything boils down to who's in power. Everyone kowtows to the minister.

Lapid wrote in Ma'ariv on June 14: "The party in power has sub-tle ways to influence program content," and he should know. In the same No-man's-land

someone cited the Scandinavian countries as the only places in the world where state TV isn't despised and there's no problem levying the license fee. Nothing else was said on the subject.

Instead of hearing more about the only spot on the globe where there is both political equality for women and enthusiasm for state TV, we got detailed reports on France, Italy and the US.

Finally Kirshenbaum, on the program to represent officialdom,

told us how well off we are here in Israel, since we can all exert influence through our license fee.

TV's Channel 1 doesn't take women seriously. Privatizing it can only help matters

REALLY? Well come on then, ladies - let's boycott the license fee. If our misogynist TV channel doesn't end up privatized, we can at least send out the signal that they'd better show us some respect or they won't get our

If they insist on keeping us off the screen and out of positions of influence, if they broadcast hours and hours of male-oriented football, male-oriented basketball, male-oriented politics and maleoriented economics, then we need to hit them where it hurts. Last Saturday's Media File

only reinforced my conviction that Channel 1 needs privatizing. Channel 2 mightn't be any great bastion of feminism and equality (just watch the commercials) but at least there women are an essential part of the pro-gramming, and people like Merav Michaeli are interviewed with respect by Micha Friedman.

It was Channel 2 that first adopted the idea of a man and woman as joint nightly news anchors. And comparing llana Dayan's programs on Yemenite children and social workers with the same sort of thing on Channel 1 makes you realize the advan-

tage an independent channel has. Private television depends on viewing figures for its existence, which means it has to consider all

viewers' needs. By contrast state television, whose income is guaranteed from public funds and the compulsory license fees, can ignore whom it likes, and that usually includes women (and the socially disadvantaged).

So, Channel 1 powers-that-be: Go ahead and broadcast more male-oriented sports. Forget that there are people out there in trouble. Forget about discrimination against women. I dare you.

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CLARIFICATION: In "Too little, too late" which appeared Sunday on this page, David Forman expressed his own views and not those of any organization.

Business in the Bibi era

S corporate executives are asking, "Is this the time to move ahead with business investment in Israel or place such plans on the back burner until we have a better understanding of the future of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians?"

I would respond as follows: In his speech to the Likud on June 2, and in his prior statements, Prime Minister Netanyahu set these goals, which should encourage American CEOs interested in setting up shop in Israel:

· To advance the peace and the negotiating process with all of Israel's neighbors.

 To strengthen the peaceful relations already established with the Jordanian kingdom and with Egypt, and to try to advance the negotiations with other Arab states.

There has been concern that the Netanyahu government might discontinue peace talks with the Palestinians. The premier has openly declared that the process will continue, although at a possibly slower pace.

- Israel can become one of the most advanced economies, among the world's top 15. It can double the per capita gross national product in less than a decade and double the population through immigration and increased natural birthrate over the next 15 years. It could have an economy of a quarter-trillion dollars, including the most powerful resource of all: a gifted people with a technological base, able to com-

pete in the world marketplace of To implement finally a free market economy that is not controlled by large bodies or bureaucrats, an economy that won't hold the coun-

To privatize 50 more Israeli corporations. · To sell off land to private ELMER L. WINTER

· To expand technological development within Israel.

It can be anticipated that Netanyahu, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute Technology, will increase training facilities and expand R&D capabili-

Zev Holtzman, chairman and CEO of Giza, the Israeli affiliate of the US investment bank Alex Brown & Sons, reported that he does not expect the political situation to affect

American CEOs concerned about moving ahead with business plans here needn't be

foreigners' plans to invest in local high-tech industries, even in the short run, explaining that the majority of high-tech firms' activities are in the international market.

But he did predict that the election results would lead to a temporary standstill in foreign investors' plans to nurchase state-owned assets. "In general, foreign investors aren't that concerned with the elec-

tion results," Holtzman said. "They realize the change in rule is part of democracy and expect the new government to implement a right-leaning but liberal policy."

I BELIEVE that our US corporations will open facilities in Israel as long as they can expect a high return on their investment. Israel offers many incentives: high-quality engineers and managers, free trade agreements, and engineering capability. I see no reason for US companies to turn away from Israel - unless they are seriously concerned about terrorism. US companies have planned to manufacture products for the 200

million-strong Arab market. If the peace process continues, there will be substantial opportunities for US companies to sell products manufactured in Israel to buyers in the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, etc., and the future will hold the possibility of joint manufacturing ventures between US, Israeli, and Palestinian corporations.

US companies will provide orders for products, technology, and marketing capability. Israeli companies will supply an R&D component and free market access to the US and Europe. The Palestinian companies will provide the manufacturing component, utilizing low labor If the peace process falls by the

wayside and the Palestinians resort to serious acts of terrorism, some US companies will put investment in Israel on the back burner. We must recognize that US companies will only want to do business in a secure climate.

There are many peace-related projects in the offing. Some US companies have been impressed by the potential of 218 projects suggested by the government (at a cost of \$25b.) to construct new businesses in the region.

The major proposals call for 28 water development projects (\$9b.), 18 energy development projects (\$6b.), eight industrial parks (\$1b.), 25 agricultural projects (\$875m.), and 36 tourism projects (\$2.5b.). All require cooperation between Israel and its neighbors. These projects would present substantial opportunities for US com-

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Sir, - How would the canard "Clinton is good for Americans" or "Kohl is good for Germans" sound to outsiders? It would sound like racist tripe just like its unashamed Israeli counterpart. Only, it still comes as a shock to read Jonathan Blass's corollary ("Is it good for the Jews?", June 14) that what is "good for Jews is good for the world." (How about what is "good for Americans is good for the world"?)

It carries with it the not faint echoes of the inevitable march of Western civilization which is supposed to be "good for the world."

GOOD FOR THE WORLD All the wrong and harmful political conclusions derived from a literal interpretation of the Bible result ultimately in the self-righteous domination of the environment and indige-

yard belonging to Naboth, the Jez-reelite. When Naboth refused to sell

hi family inheritance, Queen Jezebel

had him falsely accused of blasphe-

my. He was stoned to death, and

Ahab took possession of the vine-

yard. The prophet Elijah came to

Ahab to warn him that the crime

would not go unpunished, and said,

"Have you murdered and then

Today, history repeats itself. Eli-

To those in the Arab world who,

jah is not here, but we say to the

Arabs of Hebron, "Have you mur-

despite their millions upon millions

of square miles of territory, covet

the small sliver of land that is the

inheritance of the Jewish people and

have killed and terrorized in their

attempts to wrest it from them, we

also say, "Have you murdered and

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Brooklyn, N.Y.

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nous peoples. Rather what is "good for the world" is good for everybody, including the Jews. Coexistence and humanitarianism are good for everybody. Respecting the rights of indigenous peoples would be a step away from self-absorption and towards a more global awareness.

JANET INOUE

LOCKED UP

Sir, - For four long years we, the religious community, should have been praying to God that the peace process should succeed. That should have been our sole message. Instead, all we did was preach hatred and cause hatred which led to assassination. Now we are making endless demands and giving ultimatums again causing antagonism.

Seems to me that we pray to God in the morning and then lock Him up in the Aron Kodesh and from that moment on, everything is: "L,"
"me," "we," "us." "Poor fellow,
we haven't heard from Him for a long time - He obviously can't be of

much assistance anyway as He has probably pensioned Himself off." Seems to me we should start taking a good hard look in the mirror, because I can't imagine how God can be very pleased with our behavior - that is if we really believe in Him and not only in His Torah, the Halacha and the Mashiah.

MIKE GLAZER Ganei Tikva. RABBI JACOB HAZOUT

Sir, - I am most eager to locate those who were taught and guided by the late Rabbi Jacob Hazout, from Marrakech, Morocco, in the Salat Leazma Yeshiva, in order to try and gather the rabbi's manuscripts for the completion of a book which is being written about him. This book will be translated into French and English and will be distributed worldwide.

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theatrical emotions. You must

realize that he was a very good writer for the box office."

THE AUSTRALIAN diva, who

began her career as a mezzo-

soprano but in the last eight years

has switched to soprano roles,

now lives in London with her hus-

band, tenor Paul Ferris. "We still

have a house in Australia and visit

regularly. After all this is our emo-

Opera debut in New York next

season as Donna Anna in

Mozart's Don Giovanni, a role

Sutherland sang all over the

world. But Riedel feels most com-

fortable singing Bellini and Donizetti. "I think I'm best served

Mimi in staged productions,

Riedel is looking forward to the

concert performances in Israel:

Although she has always sung

in the bel-canto repertoire."

She will make her Metropolitan

tional home."

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An operatic death and the maiden

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

EBORAH Riedel demurs when reminded that she's been hailed by Australian critics as the new Dame Joan Sutherland. There are similarines of repertoire but she was and still is a fabulous singer and I am just at the beginning of my career," Riedel says in a phone conversation from Melbourne, where she's getting ready for an evening concert.

The Australian-born soprano will be singing one of her favorite roles, that of the consumptive Mimi in Puccini's La Boheme, six times with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra early next

She adores the role. "Puccini deals with normal human beings. It's timeless music relatable to every situation - even AIDS which is why it can be updated. Everyone can relate to the love, hate and denial in it."

The opera has a personal resonance for Riedel. "It's interesting to explore that aspect of life; we are all going to face it at one stage and it's quite a challenge. Personally I have only lost my great-aunt in my lifetime so I have yet to be touched by death. And

dying on stage is an interesting way to explore it." But why does Mimi have to die? "Life isn't always 'happy end-ings,' "Riedel argues. "Puccini wanted something that didn't end happily, he was inclined to go for the tragedy, for stronger and more

'La Boheme' can be updated to relate to AIDS, says Riegel

"The audience will be able to feel the music and the language even more strongly. We will have to paint the pictures of the situation, to create those feelings."

She promises not to wear a regular concert gown for the occasion but something more in keeping with the character. "I'm having it especially made, it's not too flamboyant but rather more restrained and refined. This new gown will give a better picture of Mimi as a character." As for the color of the gown, "that's a surprise and in order to find out you'll have to come to the con-

The HSO presents La Boheme July 7, 8, 10 and 11 in Haifa, 13 in Kiryat Haim and 14 in Jerusalem.

Tragedy shadows Arad fest

organizers of the Arad Festival, despite pleas from the parents of three teenagers trampled to death during last vear's pop-music event.

On July 8 Tel Aviv District Court is scheduled to hear a petition from the parents of stampede victims Eitan Peleg, 17, Na'ama El-Kariv, 15, and Chen Yitzhak, 16, to prevent the festival from taking place. Meanwhile, the organizers say precautionary mea-sures have been taken for the August 6-8 event. The deaths and more than 150 injuries occurred last July 18, preceding what was to have been Mashina's farewell

"Nothing has changed," said Orli El-Kariv, mother of one of the victims. "The same people are running the show. They told us last year that nothing would happen to our children, and I lost my daughter. Do we live in a banana republic, that nothing has been

The results of a government and police inquiry were forwarded to the southern regional district attorney's office, but DA Yiska Leibowitz has not yet completed her investigations.

Justice Department spokeswoman Etti Eshed says the DA's office expects to work intensively on the file during the summer

court recess and that a decision can be expected sometime during the fall.

The Atarock, where the stampede occurred, and the stadium itself will not be used this year, said festival producer Nahum Langsam. The festival will be smaller and confined to venues where security can be strictly monitored. The entire festival, he stressed, has been planned as meticulously as a military opera-

The required chief security officer (there was no one working in this capacity last year) is known only as Gershon "because he works in a sensitive unit and we can't publish his last name." Langsam said.

Veteran producer Langsam has replaced last year's producers, Roy and Yossi Schwartz, who were blamed for the disaster along with Arad Festival Association heads Bezalel Tabib (who is also the mayor of Arad), Avinoam Werbner and Moshe Glantz. Although Werbner resigned from the AFA, he is still deputy mayor

Asked why the festival couldn't be postponed until the DA published her findings, Langsam said that if the festival was canceled "it

will be the end of the Arad Festival because the money won't

be available." The Arad Festival budget is about NIS 5 million, about NIS 1m. of which comes from the Arts and Culture Authority. About 30 percent of the budget comes from the Arad municipality and the rest comes from tickets, priced at NIS 30 to NIS 80, and other government bodies such as the Tourism Ministry.

Beyond the question of fund-ing, the festival impacts on Arad's image. If that image isn't positive, hinted Langsam, then it was more than likely "that Arad will decide it doesn't need the festival."

MEANWHILE, if it goes ahead, there are enough top stars to make the festival attractive and enough rising stars to make it intriguing. Headline acts, most produced especially for the festival, include appearances by Rita and Boaz Sharabi, Zohar Badeshe - an evening of songs by Zohar Argov performed by Margalit Tsan'ani, Shlomi Shabat and others, Hahaverim shel Beni - an evening dedicated to the late Beni Amdursky featuring his longtime partner, Yisrael

A FAMILY STORY

A melodrama by Edna Mazya.

Direction, Omri Nitzan. Design,

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Tel Aviv. Hebrew title, Sipur

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haps a promotional gimmick

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A matinee audience mainly

comprising middle-aged ladies

seemed hugely intrigued and cos-

seted by its soap-opera-like senti-

There may be many more like

them out there who wish to wal-

low in its nostalgic Heidelberg.

THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK WEEK CHARTS

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Sandra Sadeh

Itzhak Heskia Yehuda Almagor

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Gurion, and Amdursky's son,

Assaf. There'll also be a musical encounter between Arkady Duchin and Meir Banai, as well as an evening of songs by Moshe Wilensky with songwriter Ehud Manor hosting singers and groups performing the songs that had all Israel humming in the '40s and '50s. Rising stars include Sivan Shavit. Dana Berger, Johnny Shuali and Amir

There will be a special ceremony honoring the dead on August 5. to which festival participants are invited.

But this does not mollify the parents.

The very fact that the festival format is the same [three days] signals that as far as Arad is concerned nothing happened," says Michael Peleg. "I have not declared war on Arad. My son is dead and nothing will bring him back. I just don't want any more children to die there."

El-Kariv says that she learned of the decision to hold the festival from a newspaper and was shocked that the victims' families had not been consulted.

"Even if the courts rule against us," she said, "we won't go quietly. We'll spoil their festival for them, make people uncomfortable

Better to leave these

family skeletons

in the closet

THEATER REVIEW

No power shortage here

LOAD

Metallica (Helicon) Metallica has always done whatever it wanted. The most popular heavy-metal band in the world got that way without the help of radio, MTV or any of the other usual outlets. Instead it took its music directly to the denimjean-clad youth of America and then Europe, who accepted the band's deafening, frantic sound as

The music business has come to deal with Metallica on the band's terms and not the other way around. For this reason, even if its music is just too heavy for your tastes (as it is for mine). The band deserves the respect accorded rock's most touted iconoclasts.

As the years have passed, the bling rhythms have been gradually replaced by more standard hard rock. But Metallica has neverabandoned its integrity. Indeed it was even asked to headline the hipper-than-thou Lollapalooza Festival this summer.

With the release of Load, its most diverse album, the band continues to explore new realms while still blowing out the speak-

The band's first album since 1991's wildly successful selftitled effort (called the Black Album by fans), Load offers more of the same and also less of the same. Half the tracks still consist of crunching guitars, plodding rhythms and singer James Hetfield's growling, roaring vocals. If you like it, you love it.



Heavy-metal's Metallica attained a late-blooming hipness by refusing to depart from their deafening, frantic formula.

On the other half of the disc, the rhythms become a little lighter, the tempos a bit more subtle and the music more than one-dimen-

Taking a cue from the Black Album's musical highlight, "Nothing Else Matters," the band experiments with vocal harmonies, chiming guitars and a toned-down sound.

And it works! Tunes like "Until It Sleeps" and "Hero of the Day" hit the mark both musically and emotionally. But both pale in comparison with "Mama Said," a powerful acoustic tune that's embellished by Hetfield's poignant pedal-steel guitar. Apparently about the death of the mother of one of the band mem-

If you don't, it sounds like pun- bers, the tune shines with emo- guishable pattern was a steady much the same way that the retrotional intensity.

The testosterone crowd will love this album for the crunchers, but the rest of us can also get something out of it. Metallica has learned that power doesn't come only from amplifiers.

> HAPPY HOUR **SWATCH PARTY**

Compilation (Hed Artzi) I can guarantee that most of you have heard some of these tracks before. Remember the last time a car sped by while you were walk-ing? Its windows were open and a young male driver with his hair slicked back had music playing from the state-of-the-art CD player. It was so loud and the car was vibrating so strongly, you thought it might explode. The only distin-

"thumpa thumpa thumpa" that sounded totally unnatural, as though it was made from heavy machinery or a power drill.

Well what you were hearing was one of the hit songs from this collection of dance, trance and house music that are staples across the country's discos.

I couldn't distinguish between the dance and trance part because it all put me into a trance. Only near the end of the 16 tracks, when I heard a snippet of an actual melody sounding similar to U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name," did I break out of the trance, only to be lulled back in by the next track.

For better or worse, Happy Hour's industrial sludge represents the sound-track music of the '90s

TV hit Happy Days represented the music of the '50s. And the guy driving the noisy car is Richie Cunningham 40 years later.

AIN'T THAT A SHAME Hush-puppied crooner Pat

Boone, who 35 years ago sanitized the music of Little Richard and Fats Domino for white audiences, intends to make heavy metal palatable for the geriatric

The Christian singer, now 62, has been smitten by the air-guitar bug and is planning a fall album with 13 covers of his headbanging favorites. Included will be covers of Guns 'n' Roses, Megadeth and Metallica, and featured players will include Slash, Eddie Van Halen and Alice Cooper.

Nacht. heilige Nacht..."). its deluge of dark family secrets and for-

Judeo-Christmas kitsch ("Stille **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

NAOMI DOUDAI bidden sexual preferences, not forgetting a blood-curdling back-

ground of shadow-play Nazis. The play traces the lives of a comfortable, cultured but slightly decadent German-Jewish family through several generations as they flee the Nazis to find less than comfortable refuge in Palestine.

Brother Freddy loves little boys; married champagne-swigging sister Ruth lusts for the feckless adolescent Robert, and a secret family flaw is visited on the children and grandchildren.

It is the loopy Robert that marries, if unwittingly, one of the former. The curse strikes again. They beget Naomi, next victim of the genetic defect. (To name it now would rob the play of its one and only element of suspense.)

The genetic gimmick is, to say the least, overstretched. Neither is the ambience of pre-war Heidelberg anything like authentic. However a cast of accomplished actors, especially Sandra Sadeh and Yehuda Almagor, give polished performances.

Excelling in lesser roles are Yossi Kantz, Tami Joel-Pinkovitch and Liat Glick.

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Going to hell and back with a revised 'Don Giovanni'

HY tinker with perfec-tion? The Israel Chamber Orchestra did its best with Amnon Wolman's Mozart's Don Giovanni Revisited, but still failed to convince that it was worth doing in the first place. Fortunately, the same cannot be

said of the performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's lovely short opera, Mozart and Salieri. The two operas featured four excellent singers: bass Yuri Kissin as Salieri and tenor Evgeny Shouvalov as Mozart in Mozart and Salieri; and the adorable and recently much missed soprano

Giovanni, in Wolman's Don Giovanni Revisited. In Wolman's work, Donna Elvira alone represented all of the

Gladys Mayo as Donna Élvira,

and baritone Dan Ettinger as Don

CONCERT ROUNDUP

Don's women. She and the Don were shown as an ordinary couple whose life was an eternal sequence of quarrels and reconcil-To implement this idea Wolman

incorporated various short scenes from Mozart's original opera, interpolated by 18 short sections from the overture. And he used a huge display of electronic devices: recorded original Don Giovanni excerpts transmitted via a computer, very beautiful landscape images, torsos, pillars of a palace, a variety of frightening masks, displayed on a huge video screen, an amplified harpsichord, and of course the orchestra, which was incompetently and carelessly conducted by Yuli Turovsky.

Wolman pursued his ideas and used his technical means with remarkable persistence, but it still ended with the Don being condemned. If Wolman intended to overturn and overhaul Mozart, why not have the Don lifted up into paradise?

Perhaps Wolman, who directed his own work brilliantly, is a more imaginative and productive as a director than as a composer.

Noga Theater, Tel Aviv, June 20. Benjamin Bar-Am

THE Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra is a musical chameleon. On certain nights it can play like some of the best orchestras in the

world. But on others it delivers some truly embarrassing renditions of the great masterpieces in the repertoire. Some conductors. however, consistently manage to draw the best from the orchestra and one of them is its chief guest conductor, Comissiona.Comissiona led the orchestra in a towering rendition

of the overture to Verdi's rarely performed opera l Vespri Siciliani. The overture was played with a huge, yet refined sound. His rendition of excerpts from Prokofiev's monumental ballet Romeo and Juliet was stunning in its care for details on the one hand and its sheer magic on the other. In between Comissiona and the JSO provided a very delicate yet robust accompaniment to Silvia Marcovici's vivacious playing of the Khachaturian violin concerno. Henry Crown Symphony Hall,



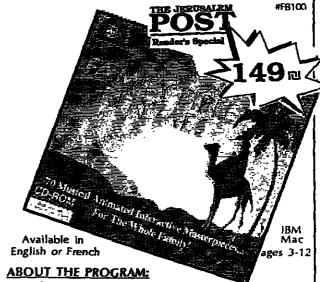
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This 'Swan Lake' takes flight in Caesarea HE immortal bird of ballet DORA SOWDEN

never fails to stir the expectations, work on the emotions and conjure up glamour. London's Royal Ballet presented its latest version of Swan Lake at the Caesarea amphitheater (June

Was it the shimmering night sky? Or was it something in the style of the Covent Garden company now so miraculously suited to this tale of woe in all its beauty? It was probably both. This was a performance to remember and quote as a ballet landmark, especially for its crowd scenes, but also for its staging, decor and costumes; in short its beauty. Of the principals, Darcey

Bussell was an appealing, elegant Odette-Odile. Her Odile didn't differ much from her Odette as a dancer, but she didn't show enough "wickedness" to be her father's daughter or to blind the

prince to her nature. Her capable prince (Jonathan Cope) was handsome, and more than just the prima ballerina's

The four cygnets' pas-de-quatre was charming. The trio who entertained the prince in his garden was outstanding and the trio of Errol Pickford, Belinda Hatley and Nicole Roberts was excellent.

The Bat-Dor and Bustan students looked good in in Yolanda Sonnabend costumes. The live music made a differ-

ence, as it always does in dance. The Ra'anana Symphonette was well led by British conductor Anthony Twiner, but occasionally the breeze snatched away the sound, which became a mere

WITH TWO seasoned musicians (Zamir Havkin on piano, and Eli Magen playing the double bass) at the Habama Theater in Talpiot, Jerusalem (June 19), Tamar

Borer presented a program in which she defied her disabilities. In one work she lay on the grandpiano lid and, dressed in black, merged into the scene using her arms and turning her body as if she had no handicap to contend

In the second work, she sat in a wide comfortable armchair and bent her head down so low that her long hair reached the

She is a beautiful woman, and if she grimaced less and made her hands look like claws less often. the choreography might have been more interesting. The improvisatory-sounding music was always emphatic.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Histadrut demands re-opening of COL increment agreement

THE Histadrut is demanding a new cost-of-living increment agreement with the employers, to increase the workers' compensation for this year's galloping

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz discovered last week that he had mistakenly signed an agreement with the employers to increase the COL increment only if the annual inflation rate exceeds 33%, when he thought the agreement referred to an annual inflation rate of 15%.

The present COL increments are partial, compensating the workers for less than half the inflation rate.

In negotiations earlier this year, the Histadrut had demanded full compensation for the workers in the private sector if the annual inflation rate exceeds 11%, similar to the agreement that prevails in the public sector. The private employers had agreed to consider increasing the compensation if the inflation rate exceeded 15% a year.

But the document presented by the employers and signed by Peretz on February 15 refers to an inflation rate of more than 15% for half a year, which means the workers will only be compensated if the annual inflation rate reaches some 33% a

Peretz took responsibility for the mistake in Sunday's Histadrut executive meeting, but shifted the blame to the Histadrut executive who had given him the document to sign. The employers rejected the Histadrut's demand to renegoti-

Administration has approved

Diasonics Israel's Synergy ultra-

sound system for sale in the US,

the company announced yester-

The Haifa-based company.

which in 1994 merged with Elbit

Ultrasound, a subsidiary of Elbit,

expects sales to quintuple from \$5

million in 1995 to \$25m. this year,

now that the company has gained

access to the American market,

said Dr. Zvi Friedman, marketing

and advanced development man-

maintain [this] growth rate, but

we expect the sudden jump

because our product was only

released at the end of 1995," said

Friedman, adding that the

Synergy system is currently being

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cost-effective form of magnetic

resonance imaging technology. Unlike most other ultrasound sys-

tems, which utilize hardware,

Synergy works via a strong per-

sonal computer with most of the

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The company expects their sys-

tem to make them more competi-

tive in the \$2 billion ultrasound

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agreement. Association Manufacturers source said "who said there was any mistake?"

Histadrut executive member Binyamin Gonen, head of the Joint Arab-Jewish List, demanded that Peretz declare the COL increment agreement null and void, and insist on immediate compensation for the inflation.

"Inflation has already reached an annual rate of 15%, with a COL increment that covers only 40% of it. Milk prices have just been raised and transportation prices are about to rise. The workers must be compensated for these hikes," Gonen said.

Gonen dismissed the employers' argument that the existing agreement stands, noting that the previous COL increment agreement spoke of compensating the workers for an annual inflation rate of 10% "so suddenly it jumps to 33% a year?"

Gonen urged Peretz to overcome his embarrassment at his mistake "because it's much more embarrassing to harm the workers, and we're talking about hundreds of thousands of people being harmed here."

in another development, the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party decided that it will run in the Histadrut elections scheduled some two

vears' hence. More than 250,000 workers are recent immigrants, comprising some 13% of the work force. If a substantial number of them join the Histadrut and vote for Yisrael Ba'aliya in the elections, it could get up to 20% of the seats in the Histadrut parliament.

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Banks raise interest after prime rate hike

rise in the lending rate, the leading commercial banks yesterday announced they will increase the base interest from 17% to 18.5% beginning Friday. Bank Hapoalim was the first to announce the increase, quickly followed by Bank Leumi, Israel Discount Bank, United Mizrahi Bank, and First International Bank.

As a result, the maximum interest on approved credit at the banks will be 23%. The interest on excess credit will be 24.5% at Bank Leumi, Bank Mizrahi, and First International Bank, 24,3% at Bank Discount, and 24.1% at Bank Hapoalim. There is no change in the rest of the compo-

Bankers said yesterday they were caught by surprise at the central bank's decision to raise its lending rate by 1.5%, and suggested the move was meant to demonstrate Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's determination to slow inflation.

The banks expected an increase because of the continued rise in the inflation rate, but a more moderate increase of 0.7% to 0.8%. The inflation rate has reached an estimated 12.5% for 1996, com**GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

pared with the previous government's initial target of 8% to 9%. Discount Bank economics department head Shauli Katznelson said the hike is a positive measure in light of the public's inflationary expectations and the continued erosion of real

The economist emphasized that the real interest rate (in comparison with the public's inflationary expectations) has decreased to 4% compared with 6% in the first few months of 1995. The last few months' increase in the inflation rate reflects the rapid growth in the quantity of money in 1995 resulting from the Bank of Israel's continuous reduction of the interest rate last year, he said.

We won't be able to achieve the government's inflation target for 1996 and will probably end the year with an inflation rate of about 12% to 13%. But I am pleased with the Bank of Israel's decision, since it shows that in 1997 we will be able to aim for a target inflation rate of about 8%," said Katznelson.

He urged the Treasury to cut the government budget and impose

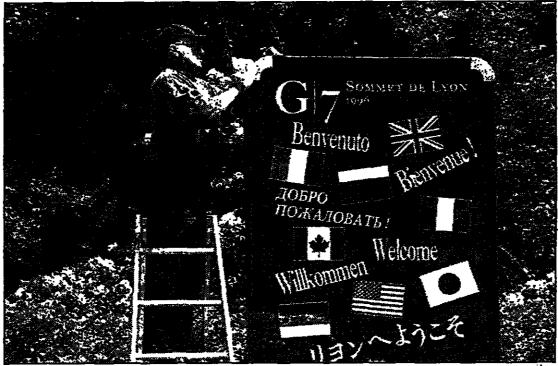
consumption. The economist stressed this should be accompanied by a reduction in the economic growth rate to about 4% at the start of 1997, compared with 5% in 1996. However, in one or two years' time, he forecasts the economy will be in much better

shape.
"The public will face a harder time now, but overall in the long term the economic situation will be better. If the governor had dealt with these problems a year ago. there would be less damage to the

public now," said Katznelson.

But not all bankers are optimistic. Bank Hapoalim's chief economist, Ptachia Bar-Shavit, said a more moderate rise in the interest rate is needed, since in the summer the consumer price index is usually lower than in the winter

"High interest rates can not come instead of a cut in the budget and other measures, like raising the diagonal band to the midpoint. It is also necessary to deal with the housing situation by the massive marketing of land, including to households," said Bar-Shavit. He said a NIS 2 billion cut is needed in the budget.



A worker cleans an information board with a welcome message for the forthcoming G7 meeting in Lyon, France. The summit meeting of the world's seven most prosperous industrialized nations is to be held from Thursday to Saturday.

Israel gets warm reception at Paris arms fair

ELDAD BECK

DEFENSE Ministry Director-General David Ivry, recently appointed head of the the new National Security Council, opened the Israeli pavilion at "Eurosatory '96" to an unusually friendly audience.

future will be considered revolu-Ivry met briefly with French Defense Minister said Dr. Pinchas Charles Millon, who visited Israel's pavillion. He Levensart, of the ultrasound and said the overall feeling toward the 12 Israeli compa-X-ray department of Hadassah Hospital nies participating at the fair demonstrates a change in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. attitude toward Israel's defense sector.

Ivry said Millon's visit was "a rare achievement for The developments include a new Doppler method for fetal the Israeli armament industries and an indication of scanning that has the potential for France's political goodwill toward Israel." He added that Israel's participation at the show was another early detection of placental disorindication of the growing cooperation between ders, which can lead to gestational complications such as intrauter-France and Israel on defense issues. ine growth retardation and preg-

In the past, the Arab boycott kept Israeli companies from presenting their wares to the international marketplace, Ivry said.

The Israeli pavilion displayed goods in the upgrade, NBC (nuclear, biological, chemical) protection and data-gathering fields. The show also gave companies the opportunity to display, for the first time, certain new products, such as Alon's novel eyeprotection system and Rafael's sniper acoustic detec-

Israel is evaluating French technologies and is considering buy-back possibilities following France's purchase of five Israel Aircraft Industries Hunter surveillance unmanned air vehicles and two groundcontrol stations in February this year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New trilateral development program: The US, Israel and Iordan have announced the establishment of the Trilateral Industrial Development program, which offers applicants grants of up to 50 percent of the direct costs needed to bring new products to market.

The TRIDE project, which has a \$1 million fund to which each

government has contributed equally, will attempt to encourage joint ventures involving private companies from all three countries. The pilot program will consist of one round of proposal submissions, which officials hope will yield two or three approved projects.

Israel, Thailand, agree on training links: Israel and Thailand's labor and social affairs ministers agreed to forge closer links

between the countries, during a meeting yesterday.

Dr. Prasong Boonpong said his country is looking to develop professional training in technology and computerization and to advance developments of its local agriculture. He also told Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai he intends moving his ministry's Middle East labor attache to Tel Aviv from Athens.

Norway reduces stake in banks: In Norway's biggest banking sale, the state sold more than 25 percent of its shares in Den norske Bank, with two-thirds of the offering snapped up by foreigners, the national banking fund said yesterday.

The state, which is rich on oil from its North Sea fields, became

the reluctant owner of DnB and other major banks during a financial industry crisis in the early 1990s.

The State Bank Investment Fund reduced its stake in Norway's largest finance institution to 52 percent from 72 percent by selling 1.26 million shares for 2.4 billion kroner (\$370 million).

Renault, GM to build truck: Renault SA and General Motors Corp. said yesterday they would jointly build a light truck by the

The deal gives GM, the No. 1 US automaker, entry into Europe's light-truck segment, where sales are growing faster than in the car sector. France's Renault finds a long-desired partner to share development costs for future products.

The joint-development truck will be sold by both companies

Embezzlement charges dropped against former East German official: A former East German deputy finance minister was acquitted yesterday of embezzling 12.3 billion East German marks (about \$2 billion) from East German coffers shortly before German unification. After admitting to having insufficient evidence, prosecutors joined the defense in requesting the charges be dropped against

Nabisco to fire 4,200 workers

PARSIPPANY, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - Nabisco Holdings Corp. said it will fire 4,200 workers, or 7.7 percent of its workforce, as part of a plan to cut costs and become more efficient, resulting in a pretax charge of \$428 million in the second quarter.

The maker of Oreo cookies and Ritz crackers said it will also incur \$81 m. in other costs as part of the plan that will, together with the

by \$338m., or \$1.26 a share. The measures include moving Nabisco's Planters Co. and Life Savers Co. unit headquarters this fall from Winston Salem. North Carolina to Parsippany, New Jersey - the site of Nabisco head-

Nabisco, America's largest maker of cookies and crackers, said the job cuts would be split evenly between its US and inter-national operations. RIR Nabisco-Holdings Corp.

¹ Nabisco's parent company, said it will take a charge of \$272m, or 82 cents per fully diluted share, for the restructuring. About \$246m., or 73 cents, of the charge will be reported in the second

New York-based RJR, the maker of Camel and Winston cigarettes, owns 80.5 percent of Nabisco's shares. The rest are publicly held.

Trading of RJR and Nabisco shares was delayed pending the

Dealer: Car sales dropping with talk of tax cut

INCREASED speculation about a possible 25 percent tax reduction on imported cars is leading to a drop in sales, a top vehicle importer said

Since Finance Minister Dan Meridor's appointment last week, it has been suggested the reduction, which could be offset by increases in taxes on gasoline, would be implemented as one of a series of measures aimed

at lowering inflation and reducing the balance of payments deficit.

"People are calling us to cancel their orders," said the Israeli sales manager for one of the world's leading car manufacturers.

"If you in the media write that prices will increase tomorrow, everyone will buy today. All such talk causes damage," the Tel Aviv executive said last night. He also said he firmly believes no such government policy has been formed.

The Finance Ministry is putting down any speculation of tax reductions and any other possible new policies. "I totally deny the idea," stated Ministry spokesman Eli Yosef yesterday.

The Finance Ministry's target of restricting inflation to the 8 to 10 percent goal set by the previous government for 1996 seems increasingly unlikely - it totaled 4.5% for the first quarter. If the current trend is maintained it will surpass the 15% mark by December 31.

Meanwhile, current predictions indicate the balance of payments deficit will reach \$11.5 billion by the year's end.

Morgan Stanley to buy Van Kampen for \$745 million

opens office in Tel Aviv **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

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Friedman said.

Swiss-Israel Chamber of Commerce

University

THE Swiss-Israel Chamber of Commerce has opened a local representation in Tel Aviv as part of its strategy to expand activi-

The Chamber already manages an office in Zurich and by the end of the year plans to open another office in Geneva.

Eytan Liraz - of the Bach, Arad, Scharf law firm - was appointed chairman of the Israeli represen-

tation. Liraz previously worked in Geneva and in New York, mainly in international commercial law.

Liraz said The Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry recently asked the Chamber to prepare a market survey of the watch market in Israel including local tax. import and legal issues. Liraz said the Federation is examining the possibility of increasing its members' sales to Israel which reach about NIS 21 million a year. The Federation is made up of 500

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) -Morgan Stanley Group Inc. said it will buy Van Kampen/American Capital Inc. for \$745 million in cash and preferred stock, vaulting to the

top tier of US money man-The fifth-largest US securities firm said it will pay \$720m. in cash and \$25m. in preferred stock for Van Kampen, which is about 80 percent owned by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, an acquisition firm. Morgan also said it will take on Van Kampen's \$430m. in debt and set a cap of \$1.175

billion on the entire purchase

The purchase of Oakbrook, Illinois-based Van Kampen boosts Morgan's assets under management to \$157b. from \$100 billion, placing it among the largest US asset managers, according Nelson's to Directory of Investment Managers. After the acquisition, Morgan will be the second-largest Wall Street firm in terms of mutual funds, behind Merrill Lynch & Co.

The acquisition would be Morgan's second purchase of a money management firm in the

past year. It bought Miller Anderson & Sherrard, a Philadelphia-based money

manager, for \$350m. last June. The purchase ends a sixmonth effort by Clayton Dubilier to sell Van Kampen, which has more than half of its assets in stocks and bond mutual funds.

It comes as the money-management industry consolidates. There were 55 acquisitions in the industry during 1995, com-pared with 38 in 1994, according to the investment bank Putnam, Lovell & Thornton Inc. in San Francisco.

Danish Burma group threatens Carlsberg

COPENHAGEN (Reuter) - A Danish group campaigning for democracy in Burma warned brewer Carlsberg on Monday that it faced a possible consumer boycott and industrial action if it did not drop by August 1 plans to open a Burmese

But Carlsberg said it was nonplussed by the ultimatum as it had already agreed to postpone the project pending further talks with the group, the Danish Burma Committee.

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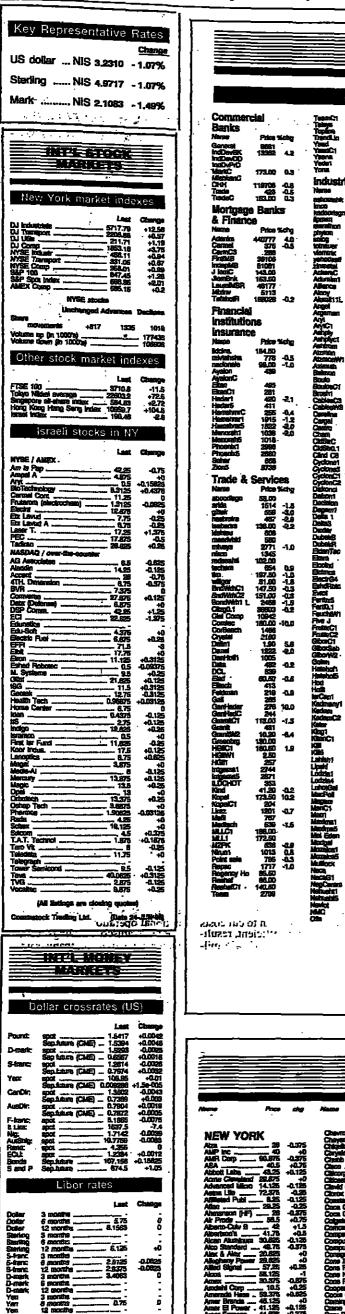


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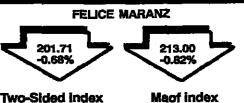
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Interest rate hike pushes stocks down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Two-Sided index

STOCK indexes fell following two steady days, after the Bank of Israel said it would raise interest rates and the shekel strengthened against the dollar.

The Maof Index fell 0.82 percent, to 213.00, and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.68% to 201.71. Of 990 shares trading across the exchange, more than four times as many shares fell as rose.

The central bank said it will raise the rate at which it lends to banks 1.5 percentage points, to 17%, on Thursday. The increase, the fourth this year, outstripped expectations of a rate rise of 0.5 to 1 percentage point.

The interest rate increase also prompted investors to buy shekels, strengthening the currency. The shekel traded at 3.231 against the dollar, up from 3.266 on Friday.

A strengthening shekel hurts exporters' profits, as they earn dollars and pay expenses in shekels. A stronger shekel means companies receive fewer shekels for each dollar billed. About NIS 78.6 million worth

of shares changed hands, NIS 7.5m. more than Sunday and about NIS 8m. more than last week's average trading level of NIS 70.4m.

The drop in shares was considered relatively muted, due to expectations that the government will cut the budget, said analysts. · The rate increase "was a bad

surprise, but investors believe it came in conjunction with the Finance Ministry and that there will be a real economic plan," said Dan Alt, a broker at the Tel Aviv

firm Nashuah Trading. Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and newly appointed Finance Minister Dan Meridor met Sunday, "With Meridor and Frenkel meeting, I think there's a chance for cooperation between the two," said Alt. "But we have to wait and see; there's still a lot of uncertainty."

The rate increase followed the May consumer price index, which rose a higher-than-expected 1.7%.

Teva's shares fell for a second day, dropping 1.25%, following losses in the company's American Depositary Receipts on Wall Street on Friday. Teva the ADRs had fallen 8.6%, to 39%, on Friday, from 431/2 on Wednesday. the last day of trading to influence Tel Aviv. Teva's shares fell 6% on Sunday on the TASE.

"Investors were waiting to see what will happen in New York," said Alt. "There were expectations Teva will go up, but the interest rate hike influenced the price today."

The weekend losses in the drug company, Israel's largest drug maker, were prompted by options investors selling shares, said Dan Suesskind, the company's chief financial officer, in an interview yesterday.

Euro bourses buoyant as dollar struggles

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Most European bourses ended the day showing healthy gains yesterday but the dollar made little headway, held back by litters over the G-7 summit and a German central bank meeting, both this

"Until these key events are out of the way, nobody will want to off its highs after the dollar's adtake the dollar any higher," said a vance stalled ahead of the Group dealer at a Japanese bank in London. The US currency ended the European day at 108.93 yen. slightly down from the levels of late Friday.

On the London Metal Exchange, copper prices fell to 21/2 year lows of \$1,795 a ton, with the market hit by fresh fears over heather on fire," said the head of Sumitomo, the Japanese trading house which lost \$1.8 billion in unauthorized copper transactions up all their cash for the quarter over a decade.

Unprecedented volatility in discount." copper prices has caused headaches for producers, consumers and traders trying to make physical hedges. The swings are expected to continue as the market retary Robert Rubin that the US is left guessing what Sumitomo's trading positions are.

Most of the day's good news was in the equity markets. In Zurich, Swiss stocks soared ahead to end at a closing high of 3,701.9, Seven summit and the uncertainboosted by stronger foreign markets and good demand,

German shares surged to close floor trading over one percent up. French shares did well too and only London failed to shine.

. Frankfurt, Europe's second biggest bourse, ended 26.32 points ahead at 2566.43, boosted by a strong close in Wall Street on Friday and firmer German debt, en the view that the big econo-Wall Street also moved ahead on mies appear to be comfortable Monday.

computerized IBIS DAX index positive for the dollar," said was also up. "I think we've seen Bloom.

the top of the upside for the time being, at least until the Bundesbank meeting on Thursday," said

In Paris, stocks finished 0.7% higher as a takeover bid for Docks de France triggered a raily in retail shares.

Traders said the bourse came of Seven summit this week in Lvon, France. London, Europe's largest stock market, ended a dull day 0.31 percent down as the early gains in New York failed to lift British stocks out of their mid-

summer torpor. "We are not exactly setting the equity trading at one major brokerage. "Institutions have used and the futures remains at a small

The dollar struggled to make a decisive break above the 109 yen level, but was weighed down by comments from US Treasury Secwill not seek a stronger dollar at the G7 summit. Traders adopted a wait-and-

see anitude ahead of the Bundesbank meeting and the Group of ty was likely to keep trading

"Underlying sentiment is positive, and we will see better levels again later in the week," said David Bloom at HSBC James Ca-

The G7 summit is not expected to yield anything substantial givwith current exchange rates. "If In after-hours trading, the anything, the summit can only be

Dow up on slow trading

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks as key technology issues such as closed mostly higher yesterday, Intel rebounded. following through on Friday's late rally, but trading was sluggish again ahead of this week's economic data and next week's tions and futures contracts. Federal Reserve meeting on in-

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.56 mostly higher, too.

to recover from its recent slump slow spending and inflation.

But trading turned sluggish again after speeding up Friday on the quarterly expiration of op-

Growing uncertainty about the direction of inflation and interest rates has muffled the market's moves for weeks.

Many investors have been repoints, to close at 5,717.79. luctant to act before the Federal Broad-market indexes were Reserve's next meeting on interest rate policy on July 2-3, at The Nasdaq market continued which the Fed may raise rates to DORON Jamchee joined Maccabi Rishon Lezion yester-

The all-star shooting guard,

who played 11 seasons with the

perennial league champions,

has signed a two-year contract

with his new team. Yitzhak

Hiding

JOSEPH HOFFMAN

DORON Sheffer has decided to wait out tomorrow's NBA draft in

The star guard from the University of Connecticut wants to learn of his selection away from the glaring publicity that will surely surround Israel's first player drafted by the NBA.

"I want to relax while the draft is going on," said Sheffer, who was recently here to celebrate the wedding of his brother Udi.

It's out of my control. There's no point in being too stressful about this," he added.

We're going to go to an exotic island where no one will ever find us," said his fiancee Ronnie Kay. "This is the perfect time to take a vacation, because once he's picked, everything's changed."

At 24 years old, Sheffer is older by at least two years than his fellow prospects. "I may be more mature, but that's not the determining factor. The bottom line is how good you are, and how much help you can be to your team." Asked if he has any preferences about which team will draft him,

he said, "No. I'll be happy simply to be chosen." The NBA draft will be televised live at 2:30 am Thursday on Cable TV's Sports Channel

5. An NBA preview will be



HUSKIE HOPES - Doron Sheffer brings the ball downcourt for UConn.

NBA Draft Order

FIRST ROUND

- I. Philadelphia
- 2. Toronto Vancouver
- 4. Milwaukee 5. Minnesota
- 6. Boston (from Dallas)
- 7. LA Clippers 8. New Jersey
- 9. Dallas (from Boston) 10. Indiana (from Denver)
- 11. Golden State 12. Cleveland (from Washington)
- 13. Charlotte
- 14. Sacramento 15. Phoenix
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- 17. Portland
- 18. New York (from Detroit through San Antonio) 19. New York (from Atlanta
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- 22. Vancouver (from Houston)
- 23. Denver (from Indiana)
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- Vancouver) 50. Houston (from Cleveland)
- 54. Utah

Berkowitz, who preceded Jamchee, 35, is following a by Perry, chairman of Maccabi

that Jamchee's experience,

together with a new group of

young players, will put the club

in the apper reaches of the

National Basketball League.

WIMBLEDON

yard of champions."
The third-seeded Agassi, the 1992 champion, was beaten in the first round yesterday by American

Agassi's defeat came on Court which has a tradition of being unkind to former champions.

which Agassi returned wide.

It was the latest loss in a miserable year for Agassi, who was upset in the second round of the French Open earlier this month by Chris Woodruff. Agassi has played. only five matches in the last three months, and lost three of them. Anna Smashnova lost her first-

round match to Ines Gorrochategui 6-4, 7-6(7-5). The 19 -year-old Israeli showed great spunk as she fought back after being down 4-0 in the second set. winning five straight games. But then the Argentinian won the next

Two other top Americans were upset on opening day at the All England Club.

lost 3-6, 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-1), 6-4 to Alberto Costa, a Spanish claycourt expert who had never won a grass-court match.

and runner-up here three years ago, was ousted in four sets by fellow American Jonathan Stark. Stark, a doubles specialist who took the mixed doubles title last year with Martina Navratilova, won 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Pete Sampras, opening his bid for a fourth straight Wimbledon



Courier yesterday.

title, lost the first set and went down a break in the second before rallying to beat Richey

After struggling to find his rhythm in the early going, Sampras settled into his grasscourt groove on Centre Court and powered to a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory. Following Sampras on

since losing in the 1992 final to Steffi Graf.

Seles looked at home as she breezed to a 6-1, 6-2 win over Ann Grossman in 50 minutes. Grossman smiled literally and twirled her racket after holding

"A couple of boys had to play

extremely well to knock them

over. Chris batted well in both

innings and Andy Harris bowled

straight and swung the ball."

left when it became clear that Jamchee would fill his role as the shooting gnard.

Jamchee, whose contract with Maccabi Tel Aviv had expired, began his career with Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Jamchee as captain of Maccabi

Tel Aviv and the national team,

Agassi, Chang, Courier, Smashnova 1st-round victims at Wimbledon

Jamchee signs with Rishon

Post Sports Staff and Itim

Rishon Lezion, is optimistic now venerable tradition begun

by his predecessor Mickey

Berkowitz who also left for the

city of the vineyards after

being the heart and soul of

Maccabi Tel Aviv.

HEATHER CHAIT and agencies

ANDRE Agassi became the latest victim of Wimbledon's "grave-

journeyman Doug Flach 2-6, 7-6(7-1), 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

Flach, a qualifier ranked No. 281 in the world, closed out the match in the fourth-set tiebreaker with a big serve down the middle

two games to force the tiebreak.

Sixth-seeded Michael Chang

And Jim Courier, the No. 8 seed

Centre Court was Monica Seles, the women's No. 2 seed playing her first match at Wimbledon

serve at love in the second game, but she barely put up a challenge the rest of the way.

Seles received a long ovation after the match as the crowd acknowledged her return to Wimbledon since her stabbing in 1993. Boris Becker, the three-time champion and No. 2 seed, got off to an easy start by routing Jean-Philippe Fleurian of France 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Goran Fourth-seeded Ivanisevic, a two-time finalist, breezed to a 6-2, 6-0, 6-2 win over David Nainkin, who filled in at the last minute for injured Bernd Karbacher.

France's Arnaud Boetsch, the 15th seed, was beaten by Alexander Radulescu of Germany 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 5-7, 9-7.

Costa lost to Chang in the first round in his only previous Wimbledon appearance in 1994. And he lost in the first round of his Wimbledon warmup tournament in Rosmalen, Netherlands.

But Costa converted all five of his break point chances, while Chang converted only five of 15. Chang, a Wimbledon quarterfinalist in 1994, doubled-faulted on match point. It was the second consecutive early Wimbledon exit for Chang, who was ousted in the second round last year.

It was also another early departure for Courier, who has failed to make it past the third round since reaching the final in 1993.

In women's play, third-seeded Conchita Martinez showed some of the form that won her the 1994 title as she routed Italy's Silvia Farina 6-0, 6-0

Also, 12th-seeded Kimiko Date downed Japanese countrywoman Kyoko Nagatsuka, 6-0, 6-3, and No. 14 Amanda Coetzer advanced with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Elena

England in anxious wait

MARLOW (Reuter) - England faces an anxious Anderton and center-back Adams. wait for four players to recover fitness in time for tomorrow's Euro 96 semifinal against Germany at Wembley.

Paul Gascoigne, Teddy Sheringham, Darren Anderton and Tony Adams are the casualties. Coach Terry Venables' main worry is over Gascoigne, who missed the squad's training session yesterday to have further treatment on the ankle injury he suffered in the quarter-final against Spain

on Saturday. Venables is optimistic, however, that midfielder Gascoigne will be ready to face the Germans, together with forward Sheringham, midfielder

of old injuries. from playing against Spain and skipper Adams is becoming adept at recovering from his painful knee

Seaman, gave Venables an additional concern when he had to drop out of training with a calf strain.

Derbyshire tops Middlesex

LONDON (Reuter) - Derbyshire day his team had the right spirit to win the county championship after completing its third consecutive first-class victory with a

363-run win over Middlesex. Derbyshire moved into third place in the table after taking just 28 minutes to snap up the last four wickets as Middlesex slumped to 176 all out in its sec-

Highly-promising paceman was based on centuries in both morning. career-best six for 40 from 16 overs and match figures of 12 for 83 on his home ground.

The team work and team spirit is pretty good and we are working on the three Ws - will, want and work," said former Australian Test batsman Jones. "If you don't have those, you don't get anywhere."

Derbyshire's crushing victory

Another Australian, Michael Bevan, became the first batsman to complete 1,000 first-class runs this season but his effort could not save Yorkshire from slumping to a crushing defeat at

the bowling of Harris.

Bradford. The Yorkshire vice-captain passed the landmark in his 15th innings with his fifth boundary which also brought up his 50 from 121 balls.

the hands of Leicestershire in

But he was stranded on 65 not out as Leicestershire took little more than an hour to take Yorkshire's remaining five wickets to wrap up victory by an

innings and 151 runs on the final

Shahid both scored unbeaten half-centuries to guide Surrey to an eight-wicket victory over Durham in Stockton. Ratcliffe scored 68 not out and Shahid 52 not out in an unbroken

Jason Ratcliffe and Nadeem

third-wicket stand of 106 as Surrey took just 31.5 overs to pass their target of 141. A century by Glamorgan skipper Matthew Maynard failed to prevent Sussex completing a

comfortable victory in Hove. Glamorgan, resuming at 122 for three, was dismissed shortly after lunch for 266, allowing Sussex to take 24 points for its innings and a well-deserved seven-run victory.

Maynard (112) and Tony Cottee (57) put on a fourthwicket stand of 141 runs, but a middle-order collapse canceled out any hopes of a draw for Glamorgan.

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England, India draw second Test

LONDON (Reuter) - The second Test between England and India ended in a draw at Lord's yesterday.

Scores: England 344 and 278-9 declared; India 429. England leads the three-match series 1-0.

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England first innings 344 (J.Russell 124, G.Thorpe 89; V.Prasad 5-76) india first innings 429 (S.Ganguly 131, R.Dravid 95) England second innings (overnight 113-2)

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D.Cork c Azharuddin b Kumble A Mulially not out Extras (b-1 lb-5 nb-5) Total (for nine wickets, declared) 278 Fall of wickets: 1-49 2-109 3-114 4-154 5-167 6-168 7-228 8-274 9-275

Bowling: Srinath 29-8-76-2, Prasad 24-8-54-2, Kumble 51-14-90-3, Ganguly 3-0-5-1, Mhambrey 14-3-47-28 Result: Match drawn 21 First Test: Edgbaston - England won

by 8 wickets Third Test: Trent Bridge July 4 to 9

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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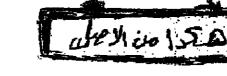
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THEATER

HELEN KAYE

MORE Russians are coming. This time it's the 77-year-old Bolshoi Dramatic Theater (formerly Gorky Theater) from St. Petersburg with Friedrich Schiller's tragedy Luisa Miller, a sort of German Romeo and Julier. When Ferdinand von Walther (Mikhail Morozov) falls in love with pretty young nobody Luisa Miller (Elena Popova), his papa (BDT artistic director Kirill Lavrov) gets seriously upset. The young lovers never have a chance.

The BDT fell foul of Stalin in the '20s and '30s and many of the artists ended up in the Gulag. The brilliant director Georgi Tovstanogov ran the theater for 33 years from 1956. Lavrov, who worked with Tovstanogov for many years, replaced him when he died in 1989. Another Tovstanogov apprentice is Gesher Theater artistic director Yevgeny Arye. The BDT last visited in 1990 with Uncle Vanya.

Luisa Miller is at the Noga Theater in Jaffa tonight through Thursday at 8:30 p.m. (Russian with simultaneous translation into Hebrew.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ITS Viva España in Jerusalem as Romanian-born Israeli maestro Sergiu Comissiona leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in Chabrier's España, Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnole Burber of Seville as well as in music

by Granados and De Falla. Lucero Tena provides a more authentic touch playing Spanish music for orchestra and castanets by Scarlatti, Soler and Albeniz. Tomorrow and Thursday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8). Comissiona did wonders with the orchestra last week so do not miss this opportunity to hear him lead the JSO in this magical Spanish evening.

CINEMA

ADINA HOFFMAN

****THE BIRDCAGE - From its spangled drag-show opening to the wedding at its close, Mike Nichols's remake of the popular 1978 French farce La Cage Aux Folles is remarkably

CRITIC'S CHOICE Sergiu Comissiona leads the Jerusalem Symphony

and the overture to Rossini's The Orchestra in an evening of music on a Spanish theme.

close to the original. Scene for scene, gag for gag, The Birdcage barely swerves from the tracks set down by that bittersweet puff piece of a film about a couple of middle-aged homosexuals whose son announces his intentions to marry the daughter of a conservative politician. But with the action transplanted knowingly from St. Tropez to Miami's South Beach, with the characters turned American and the off-screen realities of the last 20 years being what they are (AIDS, Pat Buchanan, the right-wing push for "family values"), the picture feels different at its core from La Cage - a little more literal perhaps, but also a good deal more dire. With Robin Williams, Gene Hackman and Nathan Lane. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)







5 Another fresco outside the

7 Overtime leads to

8 Banker at home in more

ornate surroundings (9)

13 Introductory words result

14 Low-alcohol drink of little

15 Letting the police in and spilling the beans (7,2)

19 Cause trouble by setting it

22 Take food from brasserie attendant (3)

in awkward situation

executive stress (9)

10 Anyway, it's junk (3)

(3-2-3-2)

worth (5,4)

in stone (7)

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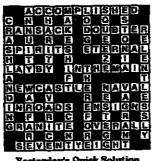
ACROSS

- 6 Where koalas may be in trouble (2,1,3-4)
- 8 Cunning youth initially followed Quaker founder 9 Happy to accommodate a Pole of chaste nature (9)
- 11 Average number joining the Marines (4) 12 Greeting returned by a
- woman (3) 13 Past scholar (9)
- 16 A retired Italian doctor lacking sensitivity (4)
- 17 Jumper showing visible
- signs of overexertion! (7) 18 Impersonation makes
- Bohemian girl weep (7) 20 Metal sheeting used as a
- 21 Usually popular with military bigwig (2,7) 23 Can writer comeback? (3) 24 Suffered pain in the neck
- 25 Discard conventions and have humorist flogged (3,4,2)
- 29 Poem Rex wrote for European banker (4) 30 Proposed to go on to Summer Time (3,7) DOWN
- 1 Risky venture to produce a
- monocle? (4) 2 Opposed to setting a snare
- 3 Self-righteous boast of Bantu warriors (4) 4 Airmen demolished a

26 Press very hard (4) 27 Offer to sell an eagle (4) 28 Spell "word" (4)

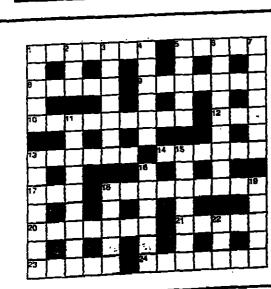
country in Asia (7)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Wholly, 4 Office, 7 Standfast, 9 True, 10 Shoo, 11 Blunt, 13 Deadly, 14 Digest, 15 Ostend, 17 Season, 19 Bannt, 20 Tarn, 22 Imam, 23 Nectarine, 24 Nickel, 25 Disper. Numer, as Amper.

DOWN: 1 Wanted, 2 Late, 3 Yearly,
4 Offend, 5 Fusa, 6 Exhert, 7
Subaltera, 8 Threesene, 11 Blend,
12 Tibet, 15 Obtain, 16 Datyl, 17
Snared, 18 Number, 21 Neck, 22



QUICK CROSSWORD DOWN

ACROSS 1 Archaic (7) 5 Vexes (5)

8 Bury (5) 9 Resolute in adversity (?) 10 Sweet white wine 12 Purpose (3) 13 Shrewd (6) 14 Apelike (6) 17 Female parent (3)

18 Oil-rig worker (9) 20 Revolving device

21 Crow (5) 23 Wanderer (5) 24 Meet requirements (7)

1 Assumed name (5) 2 Incision (3) 3 Sincere (7) 4 Herbal infusion (6)

5 Surface lustre (5) 6 Profitable (9) 7 Israelite king (7) 11 Final demand (9)

13 Firedog (7) 15 Restrain (7) 16 Pride (6) 18 Upbraided (5) 19 Common fund (5) TELEVISION

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Moses in Jewish Tradition 8:30 Literature 8:55 Looking at Arithmetic 9:25 Programs for young children 9:45 Stories in Arabic 10:00 Family Stones in Arabic 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 Literature 11:05 French 11:20 Mathematics 11:35 Scientists 11:45 English 11:55 Everything's Open 12:30 Science and Technology 12:55 Geography 13:30 Scary Tales 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 Shalitel Quack 14:30 Dispute 14:45 English 1 Piloni and his Friends 14:45 Fables of Babai 15:00 Zombit

CHANNEL 1

15:31 Captain Planet 16:00 Hearthreak Fligh - Australian series 16:45 Zap to Dovele 18:59 A New Eventrig 17:34 Zap Live 18:15 News in

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropos - current affairs 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS 20:00 Mabat News 20:50 Lotto draw live 20:55 Referendum 22:00 A Case of Coincidence - Two-part Ruth Rendell mystery about the murder of the wite of a wealthy doctor, apparently victim of a serial killer. Starring Keith Ramon. Andrew McI achien. and ry victim of a sensi raiser. Starting Reard Barron, Andrew McLachlan and Caroline Biss. 22:55 Atlanta '96 -great moments in the Olympic Games 23:30 News 00:00 European Soccer Cup championship 00:20 Verse of the

HICHANNEL 2

13:00 Sky High 14:00 Open Cards 15:00 Disney Time 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 First Love 18:00 Ruby 19:00 Lingo 19:30 The Cornedy Store 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel 21:05 Fact with

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15:00 Iris the Happy Professor 15:20 Captain Planet 15:40 Hot Shots 16:00 The Bob Morrison Show 16:35 All 17:01 French programs 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Encounter 20:00 Blossom 20:25 Deep probe expeditions – documentary 21:10 Star Trek 22:00 News in English 22:25 For the Love of Aaron – Iilm about a drugaddicted mother. 23:50 My Two Wives – comedy - comedy

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Spring in Park Lane (1948) - An impoverished aristocrat who talls in love with his employer's niece. Starring Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding. (91 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Blue Streak - docu-mentary 18:40 The A Team 19:30 Morid News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00
CNN Headline News 20:30 America's
Funniest Home Videos 20:55 Star Trek
21:45 Father Dowling 22:35 The 700
Club 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV
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■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 On the Side of Justice 18:30 From Day to Day 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 International magazine on the arts 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Outstanding creations 21:00 Blah Blah - radio and TV chat show 22:15 Showcase 22:45 Cinema magazine 00:00 Closedown

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15:30 Haydaze 16:00 Taking Direction 16:30 Great inventors 17:35 Boulez: 20th-Century Music 18:00 Faces of Culture 18:30 On Second Thoughts 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Family relations 20:00 A New Evening (Russian subtitles) 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Family Russian Subtitles) 20:30 Pages 19:30 21:00 Female Perspective 21:30 Tribute to Alvin Alley 22:30 History in the Making - the 1980s

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8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Beverly Hills 90:210 21:40 Death of a Cheerleader (1994) — An unpopular Cheerleader (1994) - An unpopular girts jealousy drives her to a terrible deed. With Tori Spelling and Valerie Harper (87 mins.) 23:10 Sapir 23:20 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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10:30 Nazi Hunter: The Beate Klarsfeld Story (1986) (rpt) 12:15 Royal Wedding (1951) – a brother and sister in England for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth find themselves bitten by the marriage bug (rpt) 13:45

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The Hit Man (1991) - Chuck Norris
goes undercover. (73 mins.) 22:20
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Stallone is a cop on the track of a ter-Stallone is a cop on the track of a ter-rorist. With Rutger Hauer. Directed by Bruce Malmuth (99 mins.) 00:10 Reflections on a Crime (1994) — Mimi Rogers as a femme fatale on Death Row (rpt) 1:40 Hawks (1989) — two ter-minally ill patients steal an ambulance and go off in Amsterdam (rpt)

ECHILDREN (6)

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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Scenes from a Marriage - part 4 22:50 The Wild Heart (1950) - a Welsh girl marries the minister, but falls in love with another. With Jannifer Jones and David Farrar. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger (79 mins.) 00:15 kiru (1952, Japanese) – An aging bureaucrat discovers he is dying of cancer. With Takashi Shimura. Directed by Akira Kurasawa (142

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EUROSPORT

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6:00 Car Racing 7:00 Tennis: Wimbledon (rpt) 13:00 PGA Golf 13:30 Car Racing: Formula Nippon, Japan 15:00 Golf: European Tour 16:00 Wimbledon - five 22:00 Futbol Mondial 22:30 Boxing 00:30 Australian Rules Football 1:30 College League Baseball

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Arranio Caldara: Stabat Mater; Haydn: Symphony no 48; Ravel; Miroirs for piano; Cherubini: Lamentation on the death of Joseph Haydn; Mendelssohn: Quartet no 2 in Aminor op 13; Poulenc: Prayer for the Black Virgin; Banok Piano concerto no 2 12:00 Light Classical - Hungarian and Gypsy music 13:00 Violinist Yehudi Menuhin -Bach: Concerto in D minor for 2 violins and orch; Brahms: Sonata in F minor for viola and piano op 120/1; Chausson: Poeme for violin and orch op 25 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio - Uri Shoham, Sharon Batzali. Telemann: Sonata in A; Mendelssohn: Scherzo from Midsummer Night's Dream; Hindemith: Canon Sonatina for 2 flutes; Hoffmeister: Duet in B flat; P. Taffanet: Grand Fantasy for flute and piano 16:00 My Concert with Dalia Rosenblum 18:00 New CDs - Allegri: Miserere; Britten: Suite no 2 for cello solo; Franz Schmidt: Symphony no 4 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - European Broadcasting Union 1995 season, Bratislava. Slovak RSO cond. Robert Stankovsky - Martinu: Memorial to Lidice; E. Suchon; Symphonic Fantasy on letters of Bach's name for organ, percussion and strings; Sibelius: Symphony no 2 in D op 43 22:00 A Musical Journey

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Two bombs explode in security zone

No one hurt in blasts, but Hizbullah vows more attacks

TWO bombs exploded in the same area of the security zone yesterday afternoon, shattering a lull in the fighting which coincided with the duration of the Arab summit in Cairo.

The first device was detonated alongside an IDF convoy near Bint Ibail in the western sector of the zone. It did not result in casualties or damage.

A short time later, a second device was detonated while South Lebanese Army soldiers were carrying out searches in the area of the first blast. There were no casualties in the second incident either.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah vowed in a speech in Baalbeck on Sunday that the organization would continue its attacks against IDF and SLA targets in the zone.

Nasrallah, whose comments were carried in Lebanese newspapers yesterday, also referred to the recent Israeli elections and said he

A POLICE recommendation that

charges be filed against

Agriculture and Environment

Minister Rafael Eitan for his

alleged use of a classified army

document to blackmail a fellow

Tsr .iet Party member will soon

be turned over to Attorney-

General Michael Ben-Yair, police

two weeks ago by Ben-Yair, who

asked them to clarify several

points so he can decide whether to

On Thursday, Eitan was ques-

"We will turn our findings over

to the attorney-general soon,"

The file was returned to police

sources said yesterday.

file charges.

tioned by police.

DAVID RUDGE

preferred Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister to Shimon Peres. "Although there is not much difference between the two, Peres was much more dangerous to Arabs and Moslems," Nasrallah

was quoted as saying. "Netanyahu from day one has told the Arabs not to waste his or their time because there will be no withdrawal from the Golan. Peres talked for four years and laughed at the world," said Nasrallah.

"Netanyahu is a clear-cut enemy and we prefer him as the enemy, whereas Peres is an expert in how to lie and deceive." he said.

Referring to the recent Arab summit, Nasrallah criticized Jordan's King Hussein for "taking a harsher stand against Syria than against Israel."

"No one is asking you Arabs to use the tanks and planes you purchased from America and Britain

Police: A-G will get file on Eitan

BILL HUTMAN

Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz

told reporters yesterday, after a brief ceremony at which Internal Security Minister Avigdor

Kahalani was welcomed to

further on the case. Kahalani also

declined to comment, explaining,

There are areas [in police work]

that I shouldn't interfere with ... I

am sure the issue is being dealt

with properly by the people who are supposed to deal with it."

investigations, would only say he

was given strict orders from Ben-

Cmdr. Yossi Levy, head of

Hefetz declined to comment

National Police Headquarters.

to fight Israel, but we only hope that King Hussein acts in as manly a way against Israel as against Syria," Nasrallah was

quoted as saying.

On the Lebanese front, Nasrallah vowed that Hizbullah would make Israel pay for the deaths of Lebanese in ongoing fighting over the years, including those killed in the Kafr Kana tragedy.
"He who kills will be killed. He

who destroys our homes will lose his own home. If they kill our children, we will kill their officers and soldiers and teach them that this is not a picnic ground for their tanks, planes and bombs," said Nasrallah.

"It is not enough for us to cry and put flowers at the Kana cemetery. We have to teach the Israelis never to do anything like this, ever. They have to learn that this is not the same Lebanon that they entered in 1982," he said.

Yair to prevent any leaks to the

Police completed their investi-

gation of Eitan several months

ago and forwarded a recommen-

dation to Ben-Yair that he be

charged. Eitan allegedly obtained

classified IDF files that contained

incriminating information against

a Tsomet activist he wanted out of the party, and threatened to make

it public if the activist did not

The activist, Asher Cohen, com-

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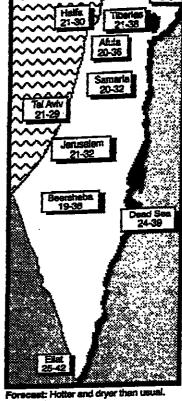
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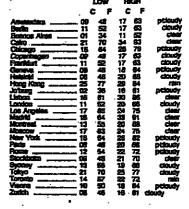
tion along with Eitan.

media on the case.

French singer and movie star Charles Aznavour visits the Church of the Holy Sepulchre yesterday, before taking part in last night's gala performance opposite Jerusalem's Old City, "To touch the wall ... to touch the light." The concert and light show inaugurating the new lighting system for the Old City was organized by France's Keren Or association as part of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations. French composer and conductor Michel Le Grand conducted the Jerusalem Symphony



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, 10 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

'Histadrut used strike fund for wages'

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut illegally used NIS 20 million from its strike fund to pay its workers' wages a few weeks ago, Israel Radio reported yesterday. If true, this practice violated the Histadrut's strike fund is solely to be used

for covering strike expenses. Histadrut officials refused to comment, but the affair was described as "scandalous" by senior Histadrut sources yester day. They said using the fund for other purposes may leave the Histadrut without its most important weapon: the ability to call a strike.

The Histadrut's previous leadership was castigated for using the strike fund for other purposes and for the secrecy with which fund transactions were conducted. Under the protection of this secrecy, Histadrut leaders took millions of shekels from the fund twice during the past two years to cover Histadrut

The Histadrut's new leadership continued to cast a thick cloak of secrecy over the fund's size, financial investments, control reports, and decision making. They argued, like their predecessors, that exposing these details would reveal the scope of their ammunition in battles with employers.

Former Histadrut chairman MK Haim Ramon said at the time that fund money was used responsibly and the fund did not suffer any losses. But the Histadrut leadership bastened to approve new regulations and to appoint a new management to ensure the fund's proper han-

Despite these measures, the radio report said, when the Histadrut had difficulty paying its workers' wages a few weeks ago, it "borrowed" NIS 20m. from the fund.

Histadrut executive member Binyamin Gonen said using the fund money was extremely grave and demanded to know who gave the order to do so.

"If they use this fund, the last instrument left for workers' causes, what will they do next month to pay the workers' wages, after they've sold the Histadrut's assets?" Gonen said: "And what will they do if they have to call a strike?"

60% of Kinneret water used for irrigation **DAVID RUDGE**

AGRICULTURE continues to be the biggest drain on the country's scarce water resources, despite increased use of purified sewage for irrigation.

According to statistics issued by Mekorot yesterday, around 60 percent of the 1.4 million cubic Kinneret into the National Water Carrier (NWC) is being used for irrigation rather than domestic

purposes.

The other 40 percent is used to supply drinking water to cities, towns, and villages in the Haifa, Gush Dan, and Jerusalem regions, and as far south as Mitzpeh

Experts note, however, that more water is expected to be needed for domestic use in the coming years due to anticipated population growth, while

esources are not increasing. In fact, the level of water in the Kinneret at the start of the summer is 1.20 meters below the maximum mark and is 60 cms lower. than it was at this time last year.

The daily pumping from the Kinneret into the NWC reduces the lake's level by about one centimeter per day. Some 35 percent of this is used for irrigation in the Ramle to Kiryat Gat, and 25 percent to the northern Negev.

Rafi Boaz, head of Mekorot's water resources department, noted that the fresh water supplied by the NWC to the northern Negev supplements the 100 million cubic meters of purified sewage piped to the region each year from recycling plants in the Gush Dan

He said it would be possible to reduce the amount of fresh water supplied to the Sharon and Judea regions if a similar pipeline were built to take purified sewage from recycling units in the Jerusalem, Lod, and Ramle districts.

track here for professional car and

motorcycle racing, it was

announced yesterday.

Israel Racing Club president

Baruch Shalit told reporters at a

Tel Aviv press conference the track would be situated east of

Rehovot and extend over an area

of 1,000 dunams (250 acres). He

said 75 percent of the land is owned privately and the remain-der is state land, which the Israel

Lands Administration has

approved for motor racing.

Construction is to begin in the

According to a Technion survey cited by Shalit, 17 percent of

Israeli women between ages 28

and 30 would be interested in seeing car and motorcycle racing.

The same survey found that most

people would be willing to pay up

to NIS 100 a ticket to watch an

It was also announced that the country's second dirt-track rally

would take place July 27 at

Kibbutz Nahshonim. The 120km.

race is open to motorcycles and all-

international race here.

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